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We meet on the third Friday of every month at The Harelbury Mill, Haselbury Plucknett. Meetings start at 8pm.

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Somerset Classic Minis

Happy Valley gets back its smile

By Marion Draper

YOUNG people were already enjoying the benefit of the new play equipment and the multi court in Happy Valley recreation ground this week.

Play UK were still putting the finishing touches on the initial phase of the project by the town and district council but the new colourful area was already a hive of activity during the half term break.

Progress had been held up by the weather but the new children's climbing equipment and slide, surrounded by sand, the teen shelter and new basket swing for all ages, were already in place by Tuesday this week.

The multi court was enclosed by coloured safety fencing giving the whole vista a fresh new look and the skateboarding equipment remains.

Further down the field there is still plenty of grass area and goal posts for football and although the dangerous earth mounds that were exposing rubbish were removed, the ground has been left landscaped to create plenty of levels for children to run up and down.

The work was collaborative effort by the town council steering group of councillors Mike Best, Peter Chard and Sue White, officers of the town and district councils and the police, after consultation with the public and the Happy Valley Endeavours community group.

A grand opening event is planned during the Easter holiday, on Tuesday, April 19th, to which the council are inviting all ages to go and see the work which has been achieved. They hope to have a celebrity guest to officially declare the facilities open and there will be special activities and games.

This is only the first stage however and there is still more work planned for the area as more funding becomes available. Improvements to footpaths and signage are planned, together with more equipment, including a trim trail and a tree house.

Coppicing, hedge laying and management of the wildlife areas such as hedges and scrub are planned with the help of volunteers and conservation groups.

If anyone would like to offer their help with any of these tasks, please contact the town council.

■ BEFORE: Happy Valley before the improvements

■ NEW LIFE: With the multi court and play equipment

Crewkernenews

Standing for council

CREWKERNE Town Council is hosting an information evening for those who have considered becoming a town councillor but would like to know more about what is involved.

With local elections due in May, interested parties are invited to attend the council chamber on Monday, March 7th, at 6.45pm to listen to a brief meeting of the Amenities Committee .

An informal presentation by the mayor will follow and the opportunity to ask questions to assist in making a decision about whether to stand. For more information please contact the town council office on 01460 74001.

Merriott Plastics

AN application by Merriott Plastics for a change to their previously approved plans for dwellings at Tail Mill went to Area West last week.

The application was approved, subject to conditions to ensure it included the same highway improvements that were required within the original approval.

The parish council had objected to the change which will mean the company withdrawing its business from the village and moving it to Crewkerne.

The original application for housing on the site was passed on condition the plastic works were refurbished and kept in the village.

Sports centre plans

PLANS for the new sports and community centre in Crewkerne, to be named The George Reynolds Centre, are making progress.

West One community centre is up for sale, following planning approval for turning the existing community building into four flats and the erection of a detached dwelling.

The committee is currently discussing detailed plans with the design team and the drawing up of a charitable trust.

Crewkernenews

Wheels stolen

DID anyone see a person removing the wheels from a red Audi A4, parked just into the lane that leads to Hinton St George from the A30 at Roundham?

The vehicle had broken down and the wheels were stolen overnight on Wednesday February, 16th /17th.

If you have any information please call the Police on 0845 4567000 or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

Folk club

A NEW folk club is starting up in Crewkerne for anybody who would like to play an acoustic instrument, sing or recite poetry, or just listen.

The Crewkerne Folk Club will meet once a month in the Kings Arms , the inaugural meeting will be on Wednesday, March 2nd from 8-10pm. For more details call 01460 271541

Pedestrian link

SOUTH Somerset District Council Area West Committee has resolved that the transfer of £3,000 from the unallocated capital balance to fund the pedestrian link in Crewkerne be approved.

Solar panels

MAIDEN Beech School Crewkerne has been given permission for the installation of solar photovoltaic panels on the roof of the school building to help save on fuel costs and reduce its carbon footprint.

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■ CYCLING FOR CHARITY: Colin Gibbons and Ivan Henry of 1st Chard Wheelers

Wheelers friends' charity challenge

TWO members of 1st Chard Wheelers are to embark on a Lands End to John O' Groats bike ride on April 28th, taking the classic route at record rate.

Whilst most cyclists take between 10 and 14 days to complete the 874 miles, Ivan Henry and Colin Gibbons, 42-year-old friends since childhood, have set themselves the gruelling target of six days, averaging 150 miles each day, or a daily 8-10 hours in the saddle.

Mr Henry said: "We know it's going to be tough at times, but we will help each other through."

His friend remarked: "That's what best mates do."

The pair hope to raise at least £2,500 for The Children's Hospice South West and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and have already obtained some commercial sponsorship.

They would especially like to thank their employers: Air Control Industries Ltd, Axminster (Ivan) and Camellia Contracts, Isle Brewers (Colin), together with, Lindens B&B; Bishops Funeral Services, Brecknell Willis and Phoenix Fitness.

The pair are confident that they have the stamina to complete the challenge, following a successful trial run from Chard to Land's End and back, in 2009. They completed the 320 miles in just 20 hours, averaging over 17mph.

This year's Lands End to John O' Groats trip has been planned in detail over the last nine months. Training has been building steadily over recent weeks, with both men piling on 250 miles each week. They will be accompanied by a support vehicle driven by Dave Smith, End to End veteran and President of 1st Chard Wheelers, who will provide roadside assistance and advice throughout the journey.

Particular thanks go to Andy and Kate of Wheels in Motion and Chris Eastwood who have helped with bike preparation and spares for the trip.

If readers would like to help the two cyclists reach their sponsorship goal, they can make donations through their Just Giving website pages:
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Dolphin comes to light again

By Marion Draper

A SMALL trench was dug on the doorstep of the fruit and veg shop at Mill Farm Lopen last week, to reveal part of the Roman mosaic originally discovered there ten years ago.

The mosaic was carefully uncovered again by local archaeologist Alan Graham at the request of landowners John and Mary Osborne and filmed by BBC 4 for a programme about the A303 and the Fosseway to be shown in May.

The reason for opening the small trench was to check the condition of the mosaic, ten years after its spectacular discovery in autumn 2001. The trench, exposing the now famous dolphin mosaic recently adopted by the parish for its boundary stones, was left open for three days. Amazed customers stopping by for their five a day, were treated to a rare glimpse of the dolphin.

Mr Graham spent four hours exposing the ancient work by hand, which was under 18 inches of soil, and another six washing it to bring up the colours. He said he was very excited to see the mosaic again and that it was still in good condition despite the heavy frosts this winter:

"You have to appreciate the craftsmanship, the intricacy of the knot work and the cabling. It was so beautifully done, all carefully measured to fit. You have to appreciate the labour of chipping all those stones so uniformly cubed all in local lias limestone, carefully selected for its colour," he said.

The dolphin is a Roman mythical dolphin, often represented with Neptune God of the sea. Some have argued that it's not a dolphin at all but it is what the Romans described as a dolphin. It was made in about AD 350-360 and this was probably a summer dining room as there was no under floor heating.

"When the mosaic was reburied 10 years ago conservators from English Heritage gave advice and a new technique of using lime mortar to secure the edges of the mosaic was used. This has been very successful and could be used by conservation teams in the future."

Members of the local history group went along to see the reveal and talk with Mr Graham. After the original dig, which covered a much larger area of the farm the whole village had been involved in a reconstruction project.

Angela Naunton-Davies said: "When the mosaic was all covered up again,we thought there was nothing in the village to show for it so we reconstructed part of it on the floor of the church and we made a film about the project which won an award."

The Osbornes were also pleased to see their mosaic again and are discussing the possibility of having small areas uncovered and open to public viewing for a few days each year, with which Mr Graham said he would be happy to help.

For now the dolphin is back under the earth after a few days in daylight but it is hoped it will not be too long before the Osbornes share their buried treasures again.

■ ANCIENT BEAUTY: Archaeologist Alan Graham with part of the Lopen mosaic not seen for ten years

■ TEN YEARS ON: Mary and John Osborne with members of Lopen history group and archaeologist Alan Graham outside the Mill Farm fruit and veg shop

Researching family history courses

SOMERSET Skills and Learning are offering two new family history courses in the Boden Centre, Chard, this spring.

If you are thinking of starting your own family history or have started and need some help, then the new course "Getting Back to 1837" is for you. It will be held on Thursdays, March 3rd and 17th, 10am to 4pm with a break for lunch. The course will be looking at birth, death and marriage certificates and census records from 1841 -1911 so making it possible to get your research back to the early 1800s. There will be lots of practical tips on how to start your research, organise your work and what web sites to use.

The advanced family history course, is an ongoing course for students who have done extensive research and want to look at more unusual sources and do more in depth research on various families. The course will start on Thursday, March 24th, from 1- 3pm and run for six sessions until May 12th.

Both courses have internet access, tea and coffee available with parking nearby. If you would like more information or enrol for a class contact Rose at the Chard Office on 01460 63900.

Local anger over county cuts

By Marion Draper

AFTER a council meeting lasting eight hours on Wednesday, February 16th, Somerset County Councillors formally approved savings of £34 million from their budget.

Councillors described the budget-setting meeting as "grave and serious" and extended public question time from its usual half hour to more than three hours.

Several petitions were handed over from arts and community groups, yet those who attended felt that everything they said had fallen on deaf ears, when all the proposed cuts were approved.

The savings include high profile areas such as £1.35m from libraries, £2.25m from youth services and £3.6m from reduced bus subsidies.

Commenting on the scale of cuts needed after a harsh Government settlement left the council millions of pounds out-of-pocket, Leader Ken Maddock said: "We have less money. We have big debts. And we have more demands on our services, something has to give."

But Councillor Maddock also stressed that there were positive signs with the local economy and had an upbeat message to the council.

In particular, he highlighted the Government's approval for a £21m relief road for Taunton that could lead to 4,000 new jobs; EDF's proposals at Hinkley Point which could raise 5,600 local jobs for local people; and a boost to young people's prospects with a campaign to find 100 apprenticeships in 100 days, with 159 youngsters already signed up in just 35 days.

He continued: "We have new jobs, new ideas, and a new focus on working together to bring prosperity that will benefit us all. By working together we can make the years ahead vibrant, dynamic and prosperous."

Liberal Democrat leader, Councillor Jill Shortland, claimed other views had been ignored.

"The opposition as a whole, not just the Liberal Democrats, have made suggestions to save some of the cuts but they weren't listened to," she said.

Labour leader, Councillor Andrew Govier, said it was "a dark day" for Somerset.

"This is grave and serious and when we talk about cuts we are talking about people's jobs," he said.

Councillor Maddock made a public plea to Somerset residents: "If there is a service we can no longer afford to provide, but which local people really value, then we will help local people pick it up and run it for themselves if that is what they want. The plain fact is we have to find a positive way forward together."

'Party politics not common sense' says councillor

DESPITE the petition to stop the closure of Crewkerne Recycling Centre, Somerset County Council refused to allocate sufficient funds for it to remain open for another 12 months.

Crewkerne County Councillor John Dyke voiced his frustration and disappointment at not being heard by his fellow councillors. At the county meeting he had spoken about the reluctance of people to travel to Chard or Yeovil with their waste which could not be put out for kerbside collection, like fridges, old TVs and engine oil. He said that the county council ought to be considering costs not just to itself but to Somerset residents as a whole, by expecting them to incur additional travelling costs.

Councillor Dyke's proposal to transfer sufficient funds from savings arising in the area of concessionary bus fares to the waste board budget, had attracted the support of all but one of the councillors in the area served by the Crewkerne Recycling Centre.

■ **COUNCILLOR OUTRAGE: County councillor John Dyke with the protestors outside Shire Hall**

"However", he commented, "this suggestion was defeated by the Conservative-controlled council. I am very disappointed that party politics, rather than common sense and regard of local people's views, won the day. The projected savings are in any case totally illusory as they will be outweighed by the costs of collecting fly-tipped material and the extra costs associated with landfill."

He added that the one last hope of saving the recycling centre in Blacknell Lane is help from as yet unspecified third parties, or it being declared a "non-statutary" site whereby charging for entry could be introduced. These ideas are being explored by the Somerset Waste Board and a final decision will be made at a meeting on March 25th.

Council justifies salary payments

SOUTH Somerset District Council has released an explanation following a damning report in the *Sunday Telegraph* of several hundreds of thousands paid out to its retiring chief executives in the last tax year.

The report stated that Phil Dolan, the former chief executive, took early retirement and was paid a total £569,000 during the 2009-10 tax year with a salary of £157,000, Mark Pollock, corporate director for economic vitality received £380,000 and David Stapleton, corporate director of health and well-being, received £308,000.

Crewkerne resident Elizabeth Baxter was among many readers who were outraged by the report and wanted answers. She commented: "Why are the council having to cut back key services, so that they pay their executives. What entitles them to earn more than the Prime Minister and Members of Parliament, and one of them doesn't even live in Somerset."

A spokesperson for SSDC said the newspaper report misquoted salaries and was: "a very unfair and inaccurate piece, in which they have failed to recognise that the reason why all three left was because we were undergoing a massive management restructure to make lasting savings and to do that they took redundancy.

"This comes with a cost - but it wasn't a discretionary cost - we had to pay their entitlement based on years of service to local government and pay etc. so we just used the normal calculations."

Extra bus service

AMONG the constant gloom about cut backs, Ian Greenfield , coordinator for the South Petherton Walking Group has offered a spark of light for bus users.

He said: ìSome brilliant news for rural south Somerset. It appears that the walking group's support of the N6 Demand Responsive Service has contributed to and encouraged the provision of a second, brand new, Demand Responsive Service (N10), which will run adjacent to the N6 from April 2011.

"Even more villages and hamlets will now be directly linked to Yeovil as well as Ilminster and Taunton and South Petherton Walking Group will be 'Walking the Bus' on all of them. What a change, instead of cuts there is expansion. Well done Nippy!"

Community shop seeks new manager

A YEAR after being saved by the villagers and re-launched as a community enterprise, Thorncombe Village Shop is entering a new phase.

The manager has decided to move on to pastures new, so the shop is looking for a new person to build on the solid foundations already laid and take the shop further.

Chair of the management committee, Roger Greaves said: "This is a great opportunity for the right person. The shop has had a year to settle into a routine, and we are now looking for someone with fresh ideas and the vision to take the shop up a level.

"We have a very experienced assistant manager, a team of very keen and knowledgeable volunteers, and some great local produce; all we need now is someone to take the reins."

Staffed by a team of local volunteers, the shop proved its worth during December's bad weather. The village was cut off to normal traffic for ten days, and only the efforts of villagers with 4x4s going to collect supplies kept the shop running, which was vital to everyone who couldn't leave the village over the festive period.

Details of the position are available at www.thorncombe-stores.co.uk, and applications should be sent to info@thorncombe-stores.co.uk or Thorncombe Village Shop, Chard Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 4NF (attention Rose Richards). Applications close on March 15th, 2011.

Quad bike seized

FOLLOWING reports of a yellow quad bike being ridden repeatedly around Ilminster recreation ground, neighbourhood manager PC Andy Stuart has seized the vehicle.

THE WEEKEND STARTS HERE!

Street party - forties style

■ **DRESSED THE PART: A Merriott First School pupil as an wartime evacuee, enjoying a visit to Bilbys after learning about rationing all day**

MERRIOTT First School along with others in the area has been studying World War II and just before they broke for half term, the children had a special treat.

Dressed in authentic manner with their cardboard gas mask boxes and identity cards, they took a bus trip to Nothe Fort in Weymouth where they experienced a programme of activities based on the life of evacuees.

The programme was packed full of realism, role-play, 1940s discipline and the dreaded air raid shelter.

The children said they enjoyed the 1940s school but the strangest thing was having to say "sir" and "madam" to the teachers.

They enjoyed going in the underground tunnels where there were displays set in the walls, experienced the Anderson Shelter where, when the sirens went off, they said stones were thrown on the roof to scare them which they thought was very exciting.

One pupil said she had a go with the mangle in the old wash house and it was very hard work. She said it was a good experience that they had to show their identity cards to get in and they learnt about old money.

At the end of the week, the children experienced a street party and the weather was just fine enough for them to have it in the playground.

They had homemade bunting and sandwiches of Spam, egg and jam, and just like wartime children, some liked the Spam and some tried to hold out for the jam ones.

■ **LOVE IT OR HATE IT: Trying Spam sandwiches**

By Marion Draper

■ **CELEBRATING THE END: Children enjoy a 1940s style street party**

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Cloverleaf comes up smelling of roses

■ PLAYING THE FOOL: Simple Simon (Bob Dunn) sells Buttermilk the cow (Tim Cobbledick and Mark Borrett)

■ ROYAL CHARACTERS: Martin Coates as the delightful King Hubert and Maggy Goodall as his Queen Hyacinth

■ YOUNG LOVE: Princess Primrose - Jessie Cobbledick and hero Jack - Abbie Dunn

A SMALL stage in a village hall was no deterrent to the professional standard of Jack and the Beanstalk by Cloverleaf Productions of Combe St Nicholas, who produced a show full of colour, fun and great timing from start to finish.

The show was a real winner with never a dull moment and the set, costumes and makeup were superb, with great attention to detail. The cast were confident and full of smiles throughout with some superb musical numbers and good use of the small area with attention to the stage walk to complete the illusion of space. Sound and lighting cues were on the nail and the live band did not drown out the singers.

Simple Simon, the larger than life brother of hero Jack, played by Bob Dunn, was quick to get the relationship with the audience working from the outset, with plenty of ad libs regarding their participation in the traditional calling out, creating extra laughs.

Dave Goodall was a very believable dame, not just a bloke in frock, he brought Dotty to the heart of everyone as a loveable comic character. She made a great duo with both her simple son and the equally simple and delightful King Hubert, masterfully created by Martin Coates, who guffawed his way through the story. His long suffering wife Queen Hyacinth, Maggy Goodall, quickly gained the sympathy of everyone in the house.

Jack and his love interest Princess Primrose - Abbie Dunn and Jessie Cobbledick - were a lovely couple, perfectly cast and not over acted. Their first act duet was quite charming and beautifully harmonised as was the duet between the princess and the golden harpist, Natalie Wilsher.

The two evil characters, Picallili the witch played by Sue Lloyd and the creepy Rancid the Ratman, Neil Lane, really oozed nastiness, backed up by some great props. Their counterpart was the sweet Fairy Sugardust, portrayed by Liz Lane.

The not so evil baddies you loved to hate were the collectors Snatchet and Scarper, Meurig Thomas and John Attree in their bowler hats and small moustaches, a cross between little Hitlers and Laurel and Hardy.

Buttermilk was masterfully brought to life by a well co-ordinated combination of recorded moos and movement by Tim Cobbledick at the front and Mark Borrett as the "udder end".

Richard Rodrigo, in his 50th year on stage, took a relatively small role as the king's aid, Humphrey, but was in excellent voice as always, leading the chorus in some rousing tunes.

The chorus was strong, with many having small speaking parts, they kept the expressions and downstage business going without falter and the singing and dancing were very good.

The stage management has to be commended: there was a beanstalk that Jack actually climbed, after a great bit of health and safety business for the benefit of the audience; a wonderful sausage machine in the giant's house with all manner of gruesome body parts and animals being thrown in and the giant himself portrayed by his animated legs, big belly and an arm that came down with a club in hand. The now traditional black light scene was used for the growing of the beanstalk with some very effective flying creatures, including an owl which seemed to come toward the audience, and a floating watering can.

Congratulations to the writer Alan Frayn for an excellent script and director Ros Rodrigo with choreography by Louise Knight and all their team for a truly entertaining performance.

Councillor Linda Vijeh was at the Friday performance and commented: "I've always been a panto fan and try to see as many as possible each year, although much preferring amateur productions. The hit of them all this year has to be the cracking performance of Jack and the Beanstalk I saw in the village hall at Combe St. Nicholas this weekend."

■ AFTER THE CASH: Scarper and Snatchet ,John Attree and Meurig Thomas with Dame Dotty Dibble , Dave Goodall

■ 50 YEARS: Richard Roderigo as the King's aide Humphrey, in his 50th year on stage

■ LOOKING FOR THE GIANT'S DINNER: Rancid the Ratman - Neil Lane, scours the audience

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■ THE WICKED WITCH: Sue Lloyd leaves a nasty taste as Picalilli

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By Marion Draper

■ WINNING WOODPECKERS : Wadham team one receive their trophy

■ LUCKY 13: Maiden Beech winners with Rotarians, Ilminster president elect Deryk Outram,Chard President Tracey Murphy and Crewkerne president Michael Dods and judge Tony English

WADHAM Community School sports hall was a buzz of excitement and tension as the ultimate test came for the teams in the annual Rotary Technology Tournament, organised by the Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster clubs.

The Technology Tournament is a national Rotary event in association with the Somerset Education Business Partnership - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Point.

Thirteen teams from Wadham and Maiden Beech Middle School were involved this year, previous tournaments had seen Stanchester and Perrot Hill Schools entering.

The task was not revealed until the day of the event, when the teams of four were told a train carrying hazardous chemicals had been derailed and they had to design and build a crane to retrieve the barrel from a safe distance. Their challenge was to be able to lift the item with a magnet and hook and have a small motor with a switch to raise and lower the crane.

They had a set time frame to achieve the task within a set of guide rails and lift the container clear of the truck which was represented by a wooden frame. They were provided with materials which included wooden dowels, rubber bands, paper clips, foil, pulleys, wheels, batteries, electic wire, a magnet, and a small motor .

It was a tough task and few managed to hook the container. If their construction did not work, they were expected to explain why which showed what they had learnt from the project. Everyone was also asked for working diagrams.

The winning teams were: The Woodpeckers (Charlie Watkins, Tom Wade-Allison, Liam Doble and Louis Gillman, of Wadham Community School, Intermediate Level) and Lucky 13 (Grace Harwood, James McIntyre, William Carter, and Violette Pepper, of Maiden Beech Middle School, Basic Level), with Jonathan Skinner of Wadham School, winning the technology quiz. All winners received a £10 Amazon gift certificate.

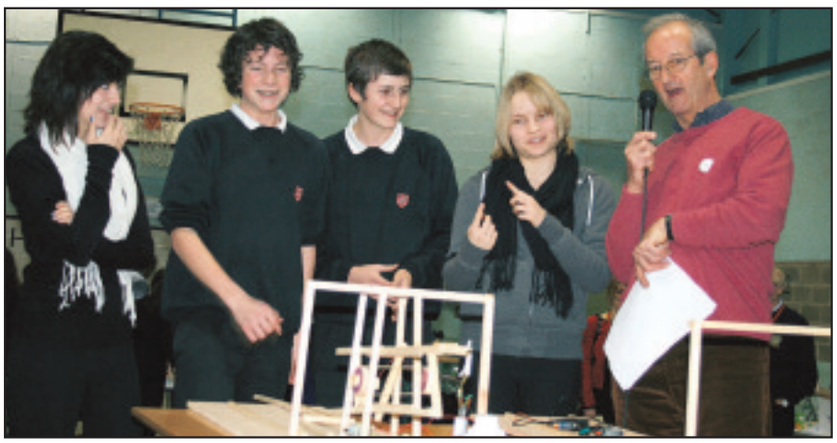
The judges for the challenge were led by Tony English from the Fleet Air Arm Museum. He was assisted by Richard Monk of Crewkerne Rotary Club, Paul Leadley, Alexis Delrio (Parker Hannifin), David Froome (former Tornado aircraft designer), Jeremy Webb of Crewkerne and District Rotary, Steve Van Holland and Dave Edwards (Cronite Castings Ltd), Peter Mackay (Gooch & Housego Ltd), Ken Dewsbury and Roy Pickett of Ilminster Rotary and addditonal Rotarians from the three clubs who acted as stewards along with staff from both schools.

While the results were being collated, the students were shown a presentation of the making of Henry vacuum cleaners at Numatic in Chard and given a quiz on the history of British design and manufacture.

The awards were presented by Tony English, accompanied by Presidents of the Rotary Clubs, Tracey Murphy (Chard), Michael Dods (Crewkerne) and Deryk Outram, (president elect, Ilminster).

The event was supported by local industry: Parker Hannifin, Rotalink and Gooch & Housego.

The Rotary club would like to thank all the students for their efforts, the judges and sponsors for their support and Wadham School for the use of its facilities.



■ WILL IT WORK : Wadham team with Crewkerne Rotarian Richard Monk

■ WORK AT ARMS LENGTH: Wadham team three came close with their design

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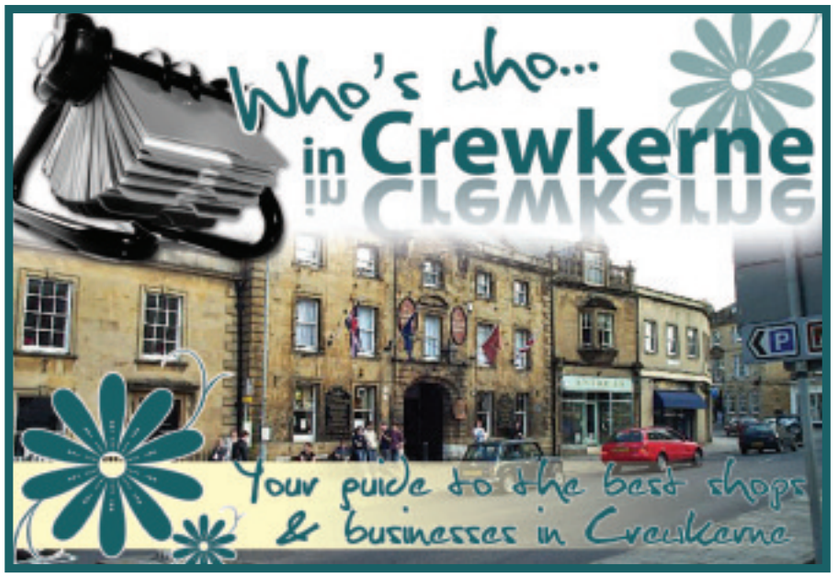

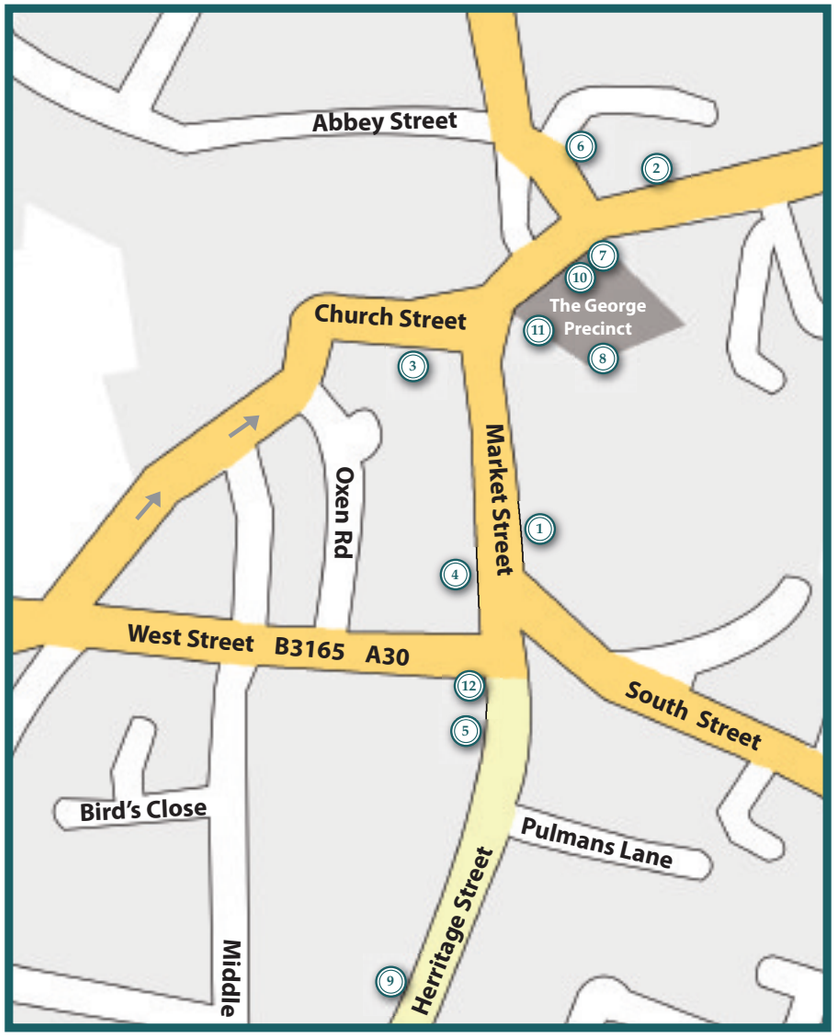

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Rotarian turns 90

CHARD Rotarian Ted Goodland celebrated his 90th birthday this month and, to help him prepare for the great day, members of Chard Rotary Club made a presentation to him at their regular weekly meeting on the Tuesday evening before.

Members also sang a celebratory ditty to him which had been composed by Rotarian Dick Arnold to the tune of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".

Born into a farming family near Ilton, Ted grew up to join what was then Lloyds Bank progressing, via a wartime service in the RAF including time at Bletchley Park, to the position of branch manager at Finchley, North London from where he retired to Chard in 1981.

Ted joined Finchley Rotary Club in 1971 and has been a Rotarian ever since, still attending the Chard Club regularly.

■ SPECIAL BIRTHDAY: President Tracey Murphy making a presentation to Ted Goodland from the Rotary Club of Chard

■ IN FULL VOICE: Richard Roderigo still enjoying a good song

Celebrating 50 years on the stage

CLOVERLEAF Productions member Richard Roderigo was presented with his 50-year National Operatic and Dramatic Association long service award after the final performance of their pantomime on Saturday, February 19th.

As a founder member of Chard Operatic Society he was with them for 48 years. Mr Roderigo also performed for many years with Axminster Operatic Society and by invitation with other societies such as Crewkerne, Otter Valley, Axe Vale, Testudo Players and Lyme Regis as well as Opera Box in Devon and Somerset Opera.

His performances have delighted audiences over the years, especially the Gilbert & Sullivan favourites such as Ko-Ko, Dick Deadeye, John Wellington Wells and The Duke of Plaza-Toro.

Recently Richard has enjoyed singing tenor roles, and took the part of Frederick in last year's production of The Pirates of Penzance in the Combe St Nicholas Village Hall.

He has been with Cloverleaf Productions for 21 years, winning Best Panto Villain in Somerset but this year, enjoyed just being Humphrey, the king's aide.

His comment in the panto programme was: "My debut was as a babe of course, Humphrey must be the tiniest role I have ever played but though it may only be a small part it is beautifully formed!"

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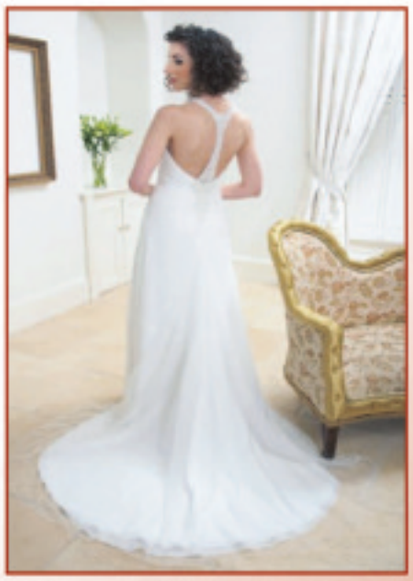

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CREWKERNE girl Leanne Cossins is currently studying for her A levels at Wadham Community School where she recently took part in the Rotary Club of Crewkerne Youth Speaks competition as the main speaker for her team.

The subject was "It does not always take balls" a witty argument on the lack of coverage of women's football and the degree of prejudice that is still apparent in the game.

Leanne is passionate about football and played for Merriott under 15s until she became too old. Now she helps to coach them instead. At school she is studying psychology, sociology and a BTEC in PE with the aim of taking a personal trainer's course at Yeovil College and hopes to work in a gym, helping other people achieve their own level of fitness.

Leanne has had to set aside her own playing while she concentrates on her studies, making do with a kick about with mates but she hopes one day to see a women's team in her hometown.

● **WAS Youth Speaks your first experience of public speaking?**
Yes, it was very nerve-wracking but I would like to do it again if I could speak on the same subject , I just want to get it out there. I will happily talk to anyone who will listen, and if anyone wanted to help me start a women's team I'd be right there promoting it.

● **HOW do you think things could change for women's football?**
It all starts at the schools. If girls had more opportunity to play they would realise what a great game it is. There is some in schools, but the boys get to play all year. Girls are still steered more towards netball and rounders.

● **WHAT got you into playing and coaching?**
My Dad always wanted boys and when I came along he decided to start kicking a ball around with me from about the age of four. When I was ten I joined Merriott.

I had to stop because all my mates pulled out to do their studies and my coach asked me to coach the younger ones and be a role model.

● **WHAT do you like about being a coach?**
I like seeing all the girls getting the skills and being able to think wow, I taught them that and they can use it. It's a great feeling. Up to the age of 12 they can play mixed but after that they have to play in girls' teams. I think in some ways it would be good to stay mixed but you would get the boys only passing to the boys and most male coaches would only keep the girls as subs.

● **DO you think women's football gets enough TV coverage?**
No, not at all. I keep checking Sky Sports for updates and have seen about four women's games but they only show about half an hour then they cut to an update on the men's games so you never get to see a whole match. The sponsors don't help, you see someone like David Beckham advertising balls and boots, why couldn't they have a woman player in an ad? There are no role models for players to look up to.

● **IF you still had the time to still play what are the local opportunities?**
I would have to go to Ilminster, I've heard their women's team is very good, or Yeovil. I've seen a couple of their games and they are doing pretty well.

● **DO you think teenagers get a bad press?**
People seem to be afraid of teenagers. If my mates and I are walking up the road with our hoods up they think we are going to start trouble but it's usually because it's bad weather. Teenagers are nice people too and it would be good if people didn't look at us like we're trouble all the time.

● **DO you think people read you wrong?**
Yes, and I get tired of it. Because I have tattoos and because of the way I talk, they judge me straight away and don't want to listen. Just because I have ink on my body people judge me instead of giving me a chance. I have Mum & Dad and one on my wrist as a memorial to my grandparents. But I hear people describe me as the girl with the tattoos. There's more to me than how I look.

● **DO you think Crewkerne should have more for young people?**
It would be great of the council would organise some mini football tournaments , especially for the girls, I am sure it would grow. It would be nice to have more shops for us; it's all charity shops, estate agents and banks. There is nowhere to buy clothes, M& Co is all for older women it's not what we want.

● **HAVE YOU travelled much?**
Only with schools really, to France and to Berlin and Krakow. We went to Auschwitz and we all ended up crying when we saw the room full of shoes and the other one full of baby clothes. It was so hard come to terms with something so bad but it made me more accepting of people and it has helped me a lot in football. I am more open now to other people's points of view and I know I am not always right.

● **DO you have any other hobbies?**
I like all sport except netball, which I think is a cheap form of basketball, but second to sport is music for me.

I don't play but am more on the production side of things, my mate is trying to make it as a rapper and has all the equipment, I'm helping him make a CD by being the sound technician.

● **WHY do you want to be a personal trainer?**
I generally like exercise a lot and like to switch things around to tone the body in a certain way. It is great to help people reach a goal. For my course work I did a six week fitness plan for one of my friends and she lost two stone.

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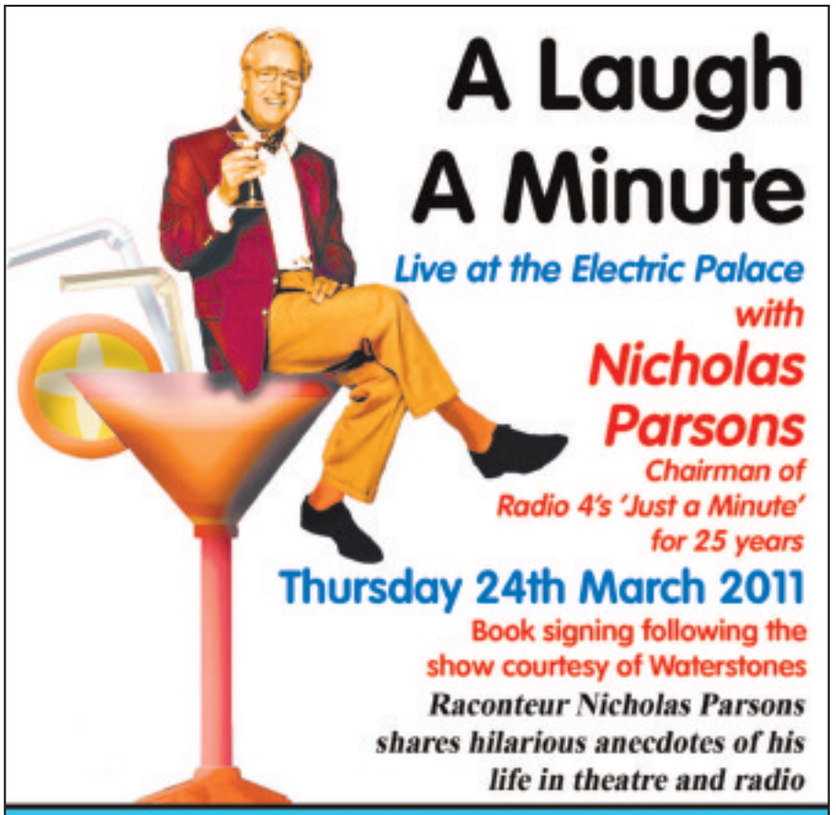
Their wishes were for the most part unselfish, asking for nice things for their parents and several wanted to help feed the starving of Africa. One little girl said: "I wish the world could get on with each other."

After the readings, everyone trooped out to the playground where the magnificent dragon the children had made was brought to life with some very special dancing with a musical accompaniment from some of the boys.

■ DRAGON SMILES: Barrington school children made their own dragon for Chinese New Year



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■ ROUSING SONGS: Maureen and Trevor Whittingham entertain the residents of Davie Close

A sing-song celebration

RESIDENTS at the retirement living scheme in Davies Close, Winsham, were delighted with their newly refurbished communal lounge, after a four week closure while the work was carried out.

The makeover at the Yarlington Housing Group scheme was part of a continuous programme to provide attractive and pleasant surroundings for those who live there, and their guests. The work involved refitting the kitchen and providing extra storage space as well as new decoration, carpets and furniture.

Scheme manager, Georgine Stormont, said: "It has been a total transformation, and will enhance the lives of our residents, as for many the only social activities they have take place in this very room."

"It would be lovely if everyone took part in what goes on here," added resident Sheila Loring.

"We have bingo, craft groups, coffee mornings and all sorts of things going on, and we need to keep it active."

Entertainment was provided by Trevor and Maureen Whittingham on keyboard and vocals, who led the singing of popular classics such as "The Happy Wanderer" and "She'll be coming round the Mountain". The generous couple, who have been entertaining residents for the past six years, donate their fees for work of this type to charity. There followed a tea and raffle provided by the scheme's social fund.

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WALKING in the rain has now become fun for the children of Misterton Pre-School who have brand new waterproof overalls, thanks to the generosity of the Stokes Partnership in Crewkerne.

Solicitor Anna Austin was on hand to see the excitement of the children as they put on their new suits for the first time and prepared for a sponsored wellie walk along the railway footpath and around the village. The walk had originally been to raise the money for their waterproofs but thanks to their benefactors they will now use the money for allotment equipment instead.

The grateful children didnít let Ms Austin go away empty handed and presented her with a thank you card to take back to the office, in which they had all drawn a little self- portrait.

■ WALKING IN THE RAIN: Stokes Partnership solicitor Anna Austin with Misterton pre-school children and staff

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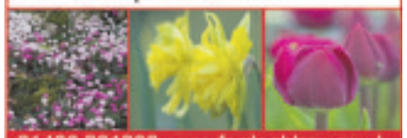
The show entitled 'Songs about Tom, Dick and Harry' looks at some of the events that have influenced the lives of inspirational men and women from the past and features original songs about luminaries such as TOM (the poet Thomas Chatterton), DICK (Turpin) and HARRY (Farr, the 1st World War soldier). Reg and Bethany also play musical tribute to many others notable figures including Elvis and Reg's dad.

Take Art Live Director Sarah Peterkin said, "I think Chaffcombe is really going to love Reg's new show, which positively sparkles with originality and fun. A truly great musical experience!"

The show will take place at 8pm on Saturday, March 5th in Chaffcombe Village Hall. Tickets are priced at £7.50 and can be purchased from the promoter by calling 01460 239121.

PLANT & GARDENING FAIR
6th March 10am-4pm
Free entry to fair, tearoom, gift shop, kitchen garden & plant centre



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arts centre
AT THE MEETING HOUSE

THE ROMANTIC VIOLA
Friday 4th March at 7.30pm
Tickets £12.00
Diana Mathews (viola) has played in the London Festival of Chamber Music with the English String Quartet, leader, Diana Cummings, while Jonathan Beatty (piano) currently teaches at The Guildhall School. Together they present an inspirational programme of music by Dale, Vaughan Williams, JS Bach, Bax, and Brahms. This is a Concerts in the West production (see www.concertsinthewest.org).

OUT OF THE ORDINARY
in the Main Gallery and Café Gallery
Monday 21st February - Saturday 19th March
Open Daily (except Sunday) Free entry
An exciting month-long exhibition featuring the work of four well-established West Country artists - Leo Davey, Jenny Barron, Alison Jacobs, and Dan Preston. The three painters and a sculptor each have their own distinctive and unusual technique that offers something a little 'out of the ordinary'.

Booking details: 01460 54973
www.themeetinghouse.org.uk
info@themeetinghouse.org.uk
East Street, Ilminster, Somerset. TA19 0AN.
Open Mon-Fri 9.30-4.30, Sat 10.00-2.30.

Going Out Gigs

Yeovil Chamber Choir to perform concert of Baroque classic

YEOVIL Chamber Choir will present a concert of glorious Baroque classics at St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne, on Saturday, March 12th starting at 7.30 p.m. One of the main items is the lively Gloria RV 589 by Vivaldi, which must be one of the best-loved choral works of its time, with its distinctive melodies and rhythmic energy. The Choir will also sing Henry Purcell's "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem", written for a Royal coronation, and his intense "Funeral Music for Queen Mary", with antiphonal brass ensemble. J.S.Bach is also represented by the colourful motet "Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden" (Praise the Lord, all ye nations), and the chorale movements from Cantata 147, which will be sung in their original German but are better known to many as "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring".

The Choir will be conducted by their Musical Director Helen Brind, and accompanied by the Wessex Chamber Ensemble, the Thomas Hardye School Brass Quartet, and oboeist Sarah Shore, who will also perform the delightful Concerto for oboe and strings Opus 9 no. 2 by Albinoni.

Tickets for this concert are priced at £10 (accompanied under-16's are admitted free of charge), to include interval refreshments, and are obtainable in advance from Crewkerne Town Hall, or on the door, or from the Choir's Treasurer; for more details go to the choir's website www.yeovilchamberchoir.org

Yeovil Chamber Choir is a flourishing mixed voice choir of around 25 members who are drawn from Somerset and Dorset, and perform several concerts a year in the local area. Helen Brind is a choral director, singing and instrumental teacher who has lived and worked in Dorset since the mid-1980's. She was for several years a member of the Bournemouth Symphony Chorus and the Bournemouth Bach Choir, appearing as a soloist on several occasions. She also conducts the Dorset Youth Singers and Weymouth Choral Society.

Annual dinner dance a great success

THE annual Dinner Dance of Chard Folk Dance Club, held at The Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster, on February 17th, was as well attended as ever and much enjoyed by all who attended. Fifty people sat down to a marvellous three course meal, rounded off by a short but amusing speech from the Chairman of the club, Alfie. There was a Grand Raffle with no fewer than forty-one prizes.

However, pleasant as all this was, it did not deter the members from enjoying their usual Thursday night dancing. Robert and Mary Blackborow were on hand to do the calling of the dances, and Ivor and Holly were the musicians. Three of the dances were named after the tunes which accompanied them, namely Arkansa Traveller, Blaydon races, and Zippidi doo da. Other dances included Sicilian Circle, Lancashire Reel, The Rose Tree, Belfast Duck, Waterfall Waltz, Sybil's Roundabout, Bridge of Athlone, Circassian Circle, and Irish Square, so named because it was a five couple square set.

The next meeting of the club will be at their usual venue of Combe St.Nicholas Village Hall, at 8pm on Thursday, March 3rd, at which the musicians will be Ivor and Holly, and the caller will be Jane Thomas.

THIS WEEK'S CDS

PJ HARVEY ***Let England Shake***

Let England Shake is the remarkable new album from PJ Harvey. With dark themes of war and conflict and a sparser soundscape this is a stylistic departure for the Dorset singer, but the collection is filled with her unique mix of passion, poetry and soul that defines her very best work.

IMELDA MAY ***Mayhem***

Mayhem is the brilliantly brash new record from fiery Dubliner Imelda May. Her gutsy and soulful singing soars above the beautiful brawl of her band's authentic rock 'n' roll licks and even tames them completely for a number of gorgeous slower tunes that feel like classics in the making.

EVA CASSIDY ***Simply Eva***

Simply Eva is a spellbinding new Eva Cassidy album that presents the singer's talent more intimately than ever before. This sublime acoustic collection features Cassidy alone with her guitar, singing remarkable classics such as Songbird, Over The Rainbow and Who Knows Where The Time Goes.

NIKKI YANOFSKY ***Nikki***

Nikki is the outstanding second release from the most talked about newcomer of jazz, Nikki Yanofsky. Bringing a pop edge to jazz standards, surprise rock covers and new material, Yanofsky's bright vocals are perfectly complimented by expert producers Phil Ramone and Jesse Harris.

BAD MANNERS ***Forging Ahead***

Fully remastered and sounding livelier than ever, Forging Ahead was the fourth Bad Manners album, originally released in 1982. With hit singles 'My Girl Lollipop' and 'Got No Brains' sitting comfortably alongside 10 bonus tracks, this is essential listening for any ska fans.

THIS WEEK'S DVDS

DESPICABLE ME

One of the world's greatest super-villains has just met his greatest challenge: three little girls named Margo, Edith and Agnes. Universal's exceptional adventure proves that DreamWorks and Disney Pixar aren't the only players in town when it comes to big budget animated films.

BURKE AND HARE

John Landis's Burke And Hare is a comedic take on the true story of Edinburgh body-snatchers William Burke (Simon Pegg) and William Hare (Andy Serkis). These entrepreneurs, spurred on by a chance meeting with a gorgeous actress (Isla Fisher), discover that a dead body can fetch a hefty price.

GAME OF DEATH

Action hero Wesley Snipes is back in this blast of full-throttle violence and death-defying action sequences. Ruthless assassins, trained killers, double-crossing C.I.A agents and infamous arms dealers are all about to become players in the Game Of Death - where losing is not an option.

CYRUS

When a down-on-his-luck divorcee meets the woman of his dreams, he didn't expect there to be another man in her life. That man is her son and he'll go to any lengths to protect his mother as a battle of wits is waged in this riotous comedy starring John C. Reilly, Jonah Hill and Marisa Tomei.

THE ILLUSIONIST

Adapted from a screenplay by late, great comedy legend Jacques Tati, this Oscar-nominated animated film from the director of `Belleville Rendez-Vous' tells the beautiful but bittersweet tale of a stage magician struggling to find work in a world that is rapidly leaving him behind.

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

SOUTH PERROTT: Family Bingo at the Village Hall, from 6:30pm (doors 6pm). In aid of the Church PCC. Telephone 01395 891224 for more information.

HORTON CROSS, ILMINSTER: Demonstration by Mike McDonald 'Dartmoor in Watercolour' at The Monks Yard, Horton Cross Farm from 2-4pm. Organised by Colourists Art Society. Telephone 01460 30012 for more details.

CHARD: 'Zero' Under 18s Club Night at Chard Rugby Club from 7-11pm. DJ sets and dancefloor. Valentine's themed event for 13-17 year olds.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

CREWKERNE: Nearly New Clothes Sale and home-made cakes at Speedwell Hall, Abbey Street from 9am - 12noon. In aid of the Blue Cross Borneo Challenge. Other stalls welcome. For more details call Anne
Willson on 01460 72443.

CHARD: Prize Bingo at Crowshute House. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Free entry. In aid of ZEM Carnival Club. Telephone 01460 62842 for more details.

MERRIOTT: New To You Sale at the Tithe Barn, from 10am-11.30am. Organised by All Saints Church. Telephone 01460 72704.

MERRIOTT: Family Disco at the Social Club, from 7:30pm till late. Telephone 01460 74376 for more information.

ILMINSTER: Jumble Sale at the Parish Hall, from 2pm. Organised by Harlequins CC. This event is supported by Bonners the butchers, Ilminster. Telephone 01460 52432 for more information.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

CHARD: 'Icknield Ensemble' string quartet in concert at Chard Museum, High Street, from 2:30pm. Admission by ticket, £6, availble from Barrons Holyrood Street or Tony Prior by calling 01460 65144.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

CREWKERNE: Build strength and confidence following a fall or injury with Christine Howard at Henhayes Community centre from 11am - midday. £1 per session. No strenuous exercise. Refreshments available.

TUESDAY MARCH 1ST

MOSTERTON: Mosterton Art Group meet at the Village Hall from 7.30pm. Demonstration by Peter Hammond on 'The Joy of Watercolour'. Non-members ae welcome for £4 entry, to include refreshments.

CREWKERNE: Welcome Group for the older person at Henhayes Community Centre. Lively chat and activities. Transport possible. Lunch available. Telephone 01460 74340 for more details.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 2ND

SOUTH PETHERTON: Sarah's Stompers Line Dancing 7pm - 7.45pm - new beginners Class at Blake Hall. Telephone 07548 391924 for more details.

CREWKERNE: First meeting new Folk Music Club at the King's Arms 8-10pm. Acoustic instruments, sing, recite or just listen.

CLAPTON: Sew, Knit & Natter at Clapton & Wayford Hall from 10.30am. All welcome, details from 01460 72837.

THURSDAY MARCH 3RD

ILMINSTER: Talk: 'Ilminster History' 10.30am - 12noon. Exhibition of Quilts 1.30-3pm. Telephone 01460 57014 for more details.

CHARD: Chard Folk Dance Club at Combe St Nicholas Village Hall from 8pm. Telephone 01460 73259 for more details.

CLAPTON: C&W Film society showing 'Sleep Furiously' preceded by Society's short AGM at 8pm, at the Village Hall. Refreshments door from 7.30pm. New member always welcome. Details from 01460 74849 / 77062

SATURDAY MARCH 5TH

MISTERTON: Crewkerne and District Twinning Association Annual Quiz Night at The Globe Inn. Tables of 4 cost £10. Prizes for winners and runners up. Telephone 01460 77233 for more details or to book your team.

CHARD: Classic and Rare Vinyl Record Sale at Chard guildhall from 9am - 12.30pm. Telephone 07990938198 for more details.

HINTON ST GEORGE: Come along for a cup of tea and a slice of cake at the Village Hall. Cake sale between 2pm and 4pm in aid of St Margaret's Hsopice and the Village Hall fund. Everyone welcome.

MONDAY MARCH 7TH

CHARD: Aerobathon in aid of the NSPCC from 6 - 8pm in the upper school, with a donation of £5 per person in which a t-shirt will be supplied.

TUESDAY MARCH 8TH

TATWORTH: Learn to Crochet Class at Tatworth Memorial Hall (Brewer Room) from 2-4pm. Telephone 01460 220198 for more details.

FRIDAY MARCH 11TH

BROADWINDSOR: Live music from 'Dogs without Collars' at the Comrades Hall, 7.30pm for 7.45pm start. Telephone 01308 868120 for more details.

CLAPTON: Luncheon Club at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall from midday for 12.30pm start. All welcome, but please book by calling 01460 77057.

TUESDAY MARCH 15TH

CREWKERNE: Bingo with tombola, raffle and refreshments, from 7:30pm (doors open 6:30pm) at St Bartholomews School, Kithill. Line Prize - Easter gifts and prizes; House Prize - Easter Hamper.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 16TH

TATWORTH: Talk on Acupressure at the Memorial Hall, from 2pm. Organised by Tatworth & Forton RAG Active Living. Telephone 01460 220198 for more information.

THURSDAY MARCH 17TH

CHARD: Chard Folk Dance Club at Combe St Nicholas Village Hall from 8pm. Telephone 01460 73259 for more details.

SATURDAY MARCH 19TH

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: Country Music Dance (Live band - First Chapter) at the Millenium Hall, 8pm - 11.30pm. No bar, bring your own. £6 on the door. In aid of Children's Hospice South West. Telephone 01935 881510 for more details.

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Deadline for postal / e-mail entries is Wednesday, 12noon

Going Out Film
This week's new releases

WEST IS WEST [15]
MANCHESTER, North of England, 1975. The now much diminished, but still claustrophobic and dysfunctional, Khan family continues to struggle for survival. Sajid, the youngest Khan, the runt of the litter, is deep in pubescent crisis under heavy assault both from his father's tyrannical insistence on Pakistani tradition, and from the fierce bullies in the schoolyard. So, in a last, desperate attempt to 'sort him out', his father decides to pack him off to Mrs Khan No 1 and family in the Punjab, the wife and daughters he had abandoned 35 years earlier. It is not long before Ella Khan (Mrs Khan No2) with a small entourage from Salford, England, swiftly follows to sort out the mess, past and present.

DRIVE ANGRY (3D) [18]
3D ACTION flick Drive Angry sees Milton (Nicolas Cage) break out of Hell to prevent the cult that murdered his daughter from sacrificing his infant granddaughter. He is being pursued by 'The Accountant' (William Fichtner), a supernatural operative of Satan who has been sent to bring Milton back to Hell.

NO STRINGS ATTACHED [15]
PREVIEWED on Valentine's Day this year, rom-com No Strings Attached stars Ashton Kutcher and Natalie Portman as two friends who share a strictly physical, no-strings-attached relationship which becomes something more.

THE RITE [15]
INSPIRED by true events, The Rite follows skeptical seminary student Michael Kovak (Colin O'-Donoghue), who reluctantly attends an exorcism school at the Vatican. While in Rome he meets an unorthodox priest, Father Lucas (Anthony Hopkins), who introduces him to the darker side of his faith.

Forthcoming Events in Chard Guildhall

EVERY Sunday 10:30 am
FOREFRONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Church Service - All welcome

Every Tuesday 10.30am, 5.30pm and 7.30pm
SLIMMING WORLD
Lose weight the extra easy way.
Come along and find out how.

Every Tuesday 5.15pm to 8.15pm
SOMERSET RELATE

Every other Wednesday, next meeting 2nd March
10:30 am to 12:30 noon
MEMORY CAFE
Friendly and informal gathering for information, support and Social contact for people affected by dementia

Every Wednesday 7.30pm - 9.15pm
MEETING VOICES in the Town Hall
Song workshops for all "if you can speak you can sing"
Come and join us

Every Thursday 9.00am - 2.00pm
ANTIQUES FAIR
Books, china, jewellery & much more
Admission free, refreshments and lunches available
For further information contact 01460 239 567
ANTIQUES FAIR TRADERS
We are offering a **SPECIAL OFFER** month in March
Hire a Table for only £7 (usual price £10)

THURSDAYS 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and
SATURDAYS 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
CAFÉ OPEN

Every Thursday 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
ZUMBA FITNESS
Exciting latin moves. A fun based fitness party workout
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Friday 11th March 7:30 pm for 8:00 pm start
HORSE RACING - CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL PREVIEW
An evening of information, opinion humour and chat.
Tickets £10 in advance, £12.50 on the night.
For ticket information please contact
Chard Tourist Information Centre 01460 260051

Saturday 12th March 10.00 am - 11.00 am
COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY

Saturday 5th March 9.00am to 12.30pm
POPULAR FAYRE in the Guildhall
Admission free, refreshments available

Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturdays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
CHARD TOWN COUNCIL RECEPTION

We have many other events taking place.
For further details please contact
Chard Town Council, The Guildhall, Chard
Tel: 01460 239 567
WWW.CHARD.GOV.UK

CINEMA LISTINGS
Friday, February 25th - Thursday, March 3rd
ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TAUNTON ODEON
Heron Gate, Riverside
Tel: 0871 22 44 007
www.odeon.co.uk

Animals United [U]
Fri-Sun: 10.35
Big Momma's: Like Father, Like Son [PG]
Fri, Sat: 11.15, 13.45, 16.00
Sun: 1345, 16.00, Mon: 13.45
Black Swan [15]
Daily: 19.45
Drive Angry *in 3D* [18]
Fri-Sun: 19.00, 21.30
Mon-Thu: 14.00, 16.30, 19.00, 21.30
Gnomeo and Juliet *in 3D* [U]
Fri-Mon: 12.00, 14.15, 16.15, 18.30
Tue-Thu: 14.15, 16.15, 18.30
Gnomeo and Juliet [U]
Fri-Sun: 10.25
I Am Number Four [12A]
Fri, Sat, Mon: 12.30, 15.15, 20.40, Sun: 12.30, 15.15, 20.40, Tue: 18.00, 20.40
Wed, Thu: 15.15, 18.00, 20.40
Just Go With It [12A]
Daily: 17.00
Justin Bieber - Never Say Never *in 3D* [U]
Fri-Sun: 10.00, 12.30, 14.45
Justin Bieber - Never Say Never [U]
Mon-Thu: 15.00
No Strings Attached [15]
Daily: 15.30, 18.15, 20.50
Plus Fri-Mon: 13.00
Paul [15]
Daily: 17.45, 20.30
Plus Fri-Sun: 12.15, 15.00
Plus Mon: 12.15
Tangled *in 3D* [PG]
Fri-Sun: 11.30, 14.00, 16.30
Mon: 12.30, 14.45
Tue-Thu: 14.45
Tangled [PG]
Fri-Sun: 10.45
The King's Speech [12A]
Daily: 14.30, 17.15, 20.00
The Rite [15] Daily: 21.15
True Grit [15]
Daily: 18.45, 21.00 (Excluding Mon: 18.45)
Yogi Bear *in 3D* [U]
Fri-Sun: 10.15, Mon-Wed: 16.00
Yogi Bear [U]
Fri-Sun: 11.00, 12.45, Mon: 12.45
Thu: 16.00

YEOVIL CINEWORLD
Yeo Leisure Park, Old Station Rd
Tel: 0871 200 2000
www.cineworld.co.uk

Paul [15]
Daily: 13.40, 16.10, 19.00, 21.25
Justin Bieber - Never Say Never *in 3D* [U]
Daily: 13.00, 15.30, Plus Fri-Sun: 10.30
Gnomeo & Juliet *in 3D* [U]
Daily: 12.30, 14.40, 16.45
Plus Fri-Sun: 10.20
Gnomeo & Juliet [U]
Fri-Sun: 11.40, 13.50, 16.00
Mon-Thu: 16.00
Tangled *in 3D* [PG]
Daily: 13.30, 16.15
Plus Fri-Sun: 11.10, 18.40
Tangled [PG] Fri, Sat: 10.40
Yogi Bear *in 3D* [U]
Daily: 16.40, Plus Fri-Sun: 12.00
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No Strings Attached [15]
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West Is West [15]
Daily: 19.05, 21.30
I Am Number Four [12A]
Daily: 13.50, 16.20, 18.45, 21.10
Plus Fri-Sun: 10.50
Big Momma's House: Like Father, Like Son [PG]
Daily: 13.15, 15.50
Plus Fri-Sun: 10.45
Justin Bieber - Never Say Never [U] Fri, Sun: 11.30
Just Go With It [12A]
Mon-Thu: 13.20
Legends of The Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole [PG]
Sat only: 10.20
The Social Network [12A]
Fri, Mon: 18.00, Sat: 20.45
Alpha and Omega [U]
Sat only: 10.00
Despicable Me [U] Sat only: 10.10
Toy Story 3 [U] Sun: 18.00, Tue: 20.45
Inception [12A]
Fri, Sun: 20.45, Sat, Tue: 18.00
Four Lions [U] Mon: 20.45, Wed: 18.00
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo [U]
Wed: 20.45, Thu: 18.00

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Tangled [PG] Fri-Sun: 15.00
The Kings Speech [12A]
Daily: 18.15
True Grit [15]
Daily: 20.50, Plus Wed: 15.05
Africa United [12A] Thurs: 10.30am

Going Out Festivals

First acts revealed for Camp Bestival 2011

The family-friendly festival returns to Lulworth Castle with Blondie and Mark Ronson as headliners

SATURDAY HEADLINERS |Mark Ronson and The Business International

BLURRING the lines between the Great British summer holiday and a fun-filled festival frolic, the multi-award winning Camp Bestival returns to Dorset's idyllic Jurassic coast for the fourth annual event, set in the enchanting surrounds of Lulworth Castle, from July 28th to 31st.

Spread across the Castle Field, Kids Garden, Big Top, Bollywood, Black Dahlia, East Lulworth Literary Institute, Freestyle Sports Park and more, this year will be even more jam-packed with entertainment, from stellar musical morsels and cultural delights to mind-melting sideshow attractions and lashings of family fun, including over 100 Free Things For Kids To Do. With plush camping facilities, hot showers and picnic areas plus a world of fabulous food concessions and free entry for kids under 10, it's a unique start to the summer holidays and the ultimate family experience.

FRIDAY HEADLINERS | Blondie

For the first time the festival is set to open on the Thursday night - a change that the organisers said was a popular request from past events. You'll need to purchase a Thursday Camping Ticket, which are on sale in addition to your normal Weekend Camping ticket from the usual outlets. More info on www.campbestival.net. All the campsites will be open from midday on Thursday, July 28th, with Car Parks open from 10am.

Fronted by one of the world's most iconic pop stars, Blondie are the first headliners out of the bag for Camp Bestival 2011 topping the bill on Friday night. With an almost endless canon of chart storming hits including 'Rapture', 'Hanging on the Telephone', 'Heart of Glass' and 'Maria' spanning their 30 year career, Blondie will, without doubt, be the sing-a-long highlight of the weekend. Mark Ronson and The Business Intl., who are currently riding a wave of love for the acclaimed 'Record Collection' album, which spawned the singles 'Bang Bang Bang', 'The Bike Song' and the sublime 'Somebody To Love Me', will be headlining the Saturday night.

A crowd-rocker par excellence, slapstick superstar Mr Tumble will be returning to his favourite festival for the third year running! One of the indisputable highlights of Camp Bestivals-past, Mr Tumble has caused paroxysms of pleasure every time he's set foot on Camp Bestival's main stage, entertaining one and all in his joyously inimitable style.

Mr Tumble said: "I am really excited about returning to Camp Bestival 2011! This will be my third year and I just love it! The whole event is fantastic and I can't wait to meet everyone again. Roll on July!"

The first wave of live acts joining the two announced headliners will include the recently reformed House of Pain, Sheffield funksters ABC, the hotly tipped Claire Maguire, dubstep's first lady Katy B, the irresistibly hooky Eliza Doolittle, the Cuban Brothers whose side-splitting soul and cheeky repartee are not to be missed, plus there'll be beatbox genius and all-round top bloke Beardyman and swing hip-hoppers The Correspondents. There will also be performances from The Wonder Stuff, Ms Dynamite, Wretch 32, Ed Sheeran, Breakage feat. Jess Mills, The Selecter, Fenech-Soler, Frankie & The Heartstrings, Brandt Brauer Frick, Lau, Lucky Elephant, The Crayonettes, Smerins Anti-Social Club, Two Wounded Birds, Caitlin Rose, Jaipur Brass Band, Kawa Circus, Bajah & the Dry Eye Crew, The Bad Shepherds, Marcus Foster, The Emerald Guard, Jellicle Cats The Widow Maker and Kathryn Williams.

JUMP AROUND | Hip hop icons *House of Pain*

Crazy club vibes will come courtesy of the man like Rob da Bank with his famed beyond eclectic fare, plus the mighty Groove Armada will present Redlight, arch scratch master DJ Yoda is sure to get the show jumping and the venerable David Rodigan will demonstrate just why he's one of the most respected selectors on the planet. And there'll be more booty shaking, speaker shredding action from the likes of London Elektricity, The Nextmen, Dub Pistols Soundsystem, Channel One Soundsystem, Krafty Kuts, A.Skillz, DJ Derek and Reggae Roast.

REFORMED | The Wonder Stuff

Among the kids entertainment is the return of The Gruffalo, a popular attraction last year; The Sooty Show in a UK Festival exclusive, featuring Soo and Sweep; and also joining the throng will be Panzee, Tang, Zak and Drum AKA the ZingZillas. The band will be monkeying around mixing up rock and soul, jazz and samba and could even drop in some big band sounds!

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's River Cottage Café will be returning to Lulworth Castle and Rock 'n' roll chef, Gizzi Erskine, will also be joining Camp Bestival this year to help feed the thousands with some of her delicious recipes.

The English National Ballet, one of the world's leading ballet companies, is coming back to Camp Bestival for a third year with a host of expert ballet workshops in the ballet tent. There will be something for children of all ages; family sessions for tots, introductions for complete beginners and workshops for improvers! There will also be some other treats in store in this tent over the weekend, including Ballet Pilates to de-stress and revive your weary festival bones and creative workshops so that you too can look like a proper ballerina. In between the workshops, you will have the chance to sit back and relax and watch screenings of The English National Ballet's very best shows or try on ballet costumes in dressing-up corner.

POP STARLET | Eliza Doolittle

This year the fancy dress theme is all things Medieval. There'll be the traditional Fancy Dress Parade for everybody on Saturday in the Kids Garden, the Camp Bestival resident dressing up box will be stacked full of vintage princess dresses, hand-made costumes for all sizes, and next to the dressing up tent is the Camp Bestival catwalk where the little ones can parade and dance up and down to music all day.

There will be a variety of erudite pleasures on offer all weekend including the Satin Lizard Lounge Spoken Word line up curated by Scroobius Pip and hosted by absurdly talented Sound of Rum frontwoman Kate Tempest There will also be guaranteed hilarity from a cavalcade of comics including Milton Jones, Andrew Maxwell, Marcus Brigstoke, Barry Castagnola and Craig Campbell. Plus there'll be Opera Up Close, Gideon Reeling Theatre, Heritage Arts Company and lots and lots more effortlessly enjoyable diversions to while away your fest-holiday.

Tickets: Adult Weekend Ticket (inc. camping) £170, Student Weekend Ticket (inc. camping) - £160 (For full-time students only. Valid NUS or ISIC ID required at the box office - no other student ID accepted), Age 11 to 17 Weekend Ticket (inc. camping) - £85.00 (Age 11 to 17 Weekend Tickets are for anyone aged 11 to 17 on 29/07/2011. These ticket holders must be accompanied by a Ticket holding parent or guardian over the age of 21), Age 10 and Under Weekend Ticket (inc. camping) - FREE (but you must obtain a ticket).

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Thursday Camping Ticket details:

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Shappi Khorsandi to headline Electric Comedy

FOLLOWING on from the triumphant show with comedy megastar Russell Howard, Electric Comedy bursts back with another jam-packed star-filled show headlined by the brilliant Shappi Khorsandi, returning to Bridport with an all new set.

Shappi is currently the country's most successful female stand-up comedian and star of countless shows from Live At The Apollo, Mock The Week, Have I Got News For You to her very own, hugely popular Radio 4 show 'Shappi Talk', her current tour selling out the UK's biggest theatres - Shappi now heads to the beautiful Electric Palace bringing her unique feisty, flirty and effortlessly funny comedy to Bridport, handling every subject with a razor sharp wit, softened only by her deliciously dizzy delivery and endless charm.

Joining Shappi for this Saturday night spectacular is a very special guest host, the legendary Grumpy Old Man Arthur Smith. A stalwart of the Edinburgh Fringe and regular face on Qi, Have I Got News For You and of course the hit BBC1 show 'Grumpy Old Men' Arthur truly is a compere beyond compare and living comedy legend. Opening the show is the brilliant Australian, Matthew Hardy ensuring this will be one of the the finest nights of Electric Comedy to date and a truly unmissable, hilarious show. Don't miss!

Electric Comedy featuring Shappi Khorsandi and Arthur Smith takes place on Saturday, March 12th at Bridport's Electric Palace. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets for the show cost £12.50 and are available to book by calling 01308 424901, or from Bridport Tourist Information Centre.

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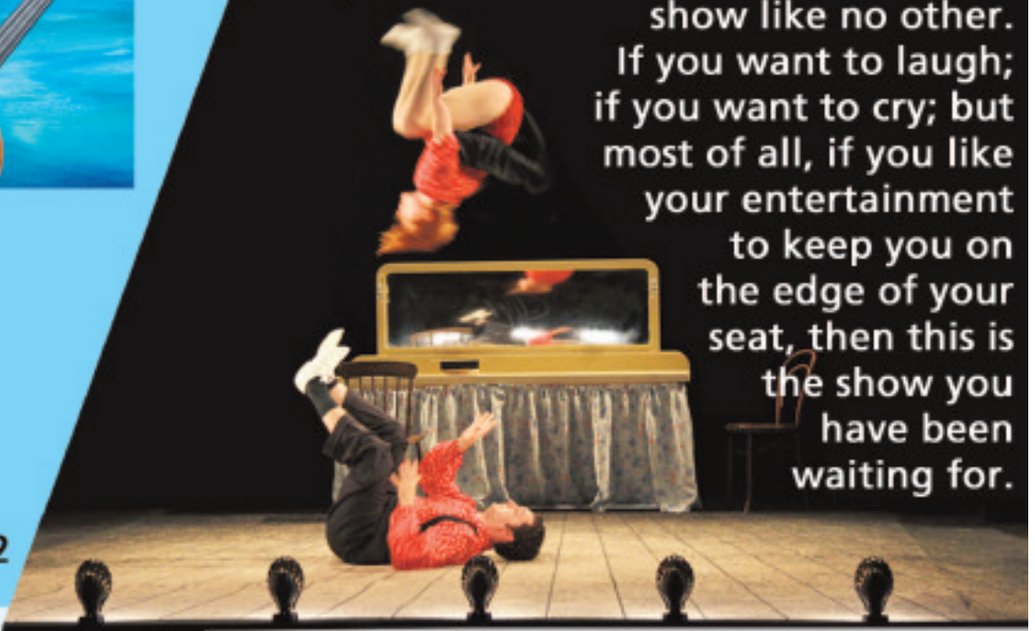

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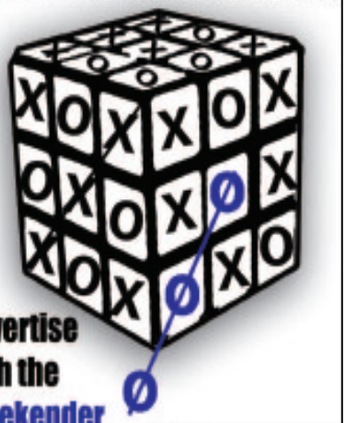

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Lexus launches a quiet revolution: cue drums

- *Quiet Revolution campaign breaks this week to introduce the new Lexus CT 200h*
- *Kylie Minogue fronts cross-media campaign as the "face of Lexus" in new television and press ads*
- *Drum Roll TV commercial brings Kylie together with 60 drummers to beat out news of the world's first full hybrid luxury compact car*

A QUIET REVOLUTION begins this week as Lexus initiates a memorable and star-studded campaign for the new CT 200h, the world's first full hybrid luxury compact car.

And how better to spread the news than to ask pop icon Kylie Minogue, supported by one of the most diverse and talented groups of drummers the world has seen or heard?

The musicians that feature in the television commercial, Drum Roll, represent the full spectrum of the music scene, from Pauli Stanley McKenzie from Gorillaz Sound System and ex-Smiths member Mike Joyce, to Joji Hirota and the Taiko Drummers and big band sticksman Vince Dunn.

Filmed in an equally wide range of locations – including almost 30 musicians gathered in the wide open spaces of London's Bushy Park – they provide a loud and attention-grabbing prelude to the refined quietness of the CT 200h, with Kylie at the wheel.

As well as capturing prime time airspace on British television, the Quiet Revolution will also fully exploit the potential of social media, including official Lexus YouTube uploads of the full TV commercial, plus a behind-the-scenes feature and an extended interview with Kylie.

As Kylie herself explains: "The CT 200h is your own space for peace and quiet amongst the hustle and bustle of the world."

Belinda Poole, Lexus Director, said: "We believe the CT 200h is a revolutionary vehicle, bringing full hybrid technology to the luxury compact market for the first time. Our Quiet Revolution campaign is a perfect way of introducing this to the widest possible audience.

"Kylie is an ideal brand ambassador for Lexus as not only does she have immense appeal, she is also innovative and has a great personality which will reach out and connect with new customers that the CT 200h will bring to Lexus."

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Captiva moves up the spec-cing order…

- *Specification and prices announced for new Chevrolet Captiva SUV*
- *Bold new styling and interior upgrades*
- *Equipment levels enhanced across the range*
- *From £21,995 on-the-road*

WITH a bold new face, upgraded cabin, competitive CO2 outputs and a spec list that leaves many of its rivals in the shade, the new Chevrolet Captiva looks set to take the SUV sector by storm when it arrives in UK showrooms in May.

All models will come with premium features such as Electronic Stability Control, Bluetooth, power-folding mirrors and speed sensitive power steering, yet prices start at only £21,995 on-the-road.

Two engine choices will be available for the UK market, both all-new 2.2-litre diesel units developing either 163PS or 184PS. The former will be offered with a six-speed manual gearbox, while the latter will have a choice of manual or auto both six-speed. All LT and LTZ models, which will be the mainstay of the range, come with on-demand All-Wheel-Drive and seven seats as standard, where many of their rivals can only offer five seats.

The range kicks off with the entry-level LS. Available with the 163PS engine only, the five-seat LS still has a raft of standard equipment often found only in much more expensive models. As well as the ESC, Bluetooth, speed sensitive power steering and folding mirrors, the front-wheel-drive model gets a six-speaker CD system with MP3 compatibility, an eight-way adjustable driver's seat, a two-piece glass flip tailgate, a rain-sensor rear wiper, Thatcham Category 1 alarm and immobiliser with two-stage remote central locking, roof rails, 17-inch alloys, air conditioning, a trailer provision wiring harness and electric windows all round.

Moving up the range, the LT gets on-demand All-Wheel-Drive, seven seats, climate control, half-leather trim, solar control glass, rear parking distance sensors, rain-sensing windscreen wipers, automatic lighting control, a self-dipping electro-chromatic rear view mirror, front fog lights, cruise control, a trip computer, a leather covered steering wheel and gearknob and passenger's under-seat storage tray. The LT also gets the 184 PS engine, with a choice of six-speed manual or automatic transmission.

The pride of the new Captiva range is the LTZ, which comes with features more commonly seen on SUVs costing almost twice as much. Full leather trim, sat nav, a rear-view reversing camera, power-adjustable driver's seat, heated front seats, stainless steel sill plates, 19-inch alloys, dark taillight lenses, privacy glass and headlamp pressure washers are offered on top of the LT's already generous package of specification.

What's more, the new Captiva range offers some of the best CO2 figures in class when it comes to full-size seven-seat SUVs. The 163PS model puts out 170g/km, while the 184PS manual variant emits 174g/km, putting both in the 26 per cent BIK band. Combined fuel economy for the 163PS engine is 44.1 mpg, and for the 184PS engine 42.8mpg – both representing a significant improvement over the outgoing 150PS powerplant.

The new Captiva arrives at Chevrolet dealers in May 2011.

▲ The new Captiva

Brush up on your wheel cleaning with new Autoglym kit

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- *On sale now from motor accessory shops, RRP £14.99*

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Updated Cup draws

Challenge semi-finals: Beaminster or Merriott Rovers v Perry Street, South Pethrton v Combe Reserves.
Tommy Tabberer semi-finals: Shepton Beauchamp v Hawkchurch, Chard Rangers v Uplyme or Beaminster.
Bill Bailey semi-finals: Combe A v Misterton Reserves, Winsham United Reserves v Crewkerne Town Reserves.
Kenny Hodges Cup semi-finals; Waytown Hounds v Chard Rangers Reserves or Chard United Reserves, Combe B v Ilminster Town A.

League tables

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Petherton	10	10	0	0	49	9	30
Beaminster	11	9	1	1	34	8	28
Merriott Rovers	14	8	2	4	45	32	26
Lyme Regis	10	8	1	1	31	11	25
Ilminster Town Res	8	4	0	4	12	22	12
Barrington	13	2	4	7	25	40	10
Misterton	11	2	4	5	22	38	10
Combe Reserves	14	3	1	10	22	41	10
Farway United	7	2	1	4	20	24	7
Perry Street	11	1	3	7	14	26	6
W & M Chinnock	11	1	3	7	17	40	6

DIV ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewkerne Town	12	10	1	1	60	15	31
Winsham United	11	10	0	1	37	10	30
Netherbury	11	9	0	2	36	18	27
Millwey Rise	10	8	1	1	52	15	25
Perry Street Res	12	6	1	5	29	38	19
Forton Rangers	12	5	2	5	28	34	17
Ilminster Town Colts	14	5	1	8	33	49	13
Norton Athletic	15	4	1	9	25	46	13
Thorncombe	15	4	1	10	24	46	13
Lyme Regis Res	11	1	2	7	15	32	5
Charmouth	13	1	0	12	14	50	3

DIV TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beaminster Res	13	9	3	1	49	20	30
Shepton Beau	13	8	5	0	45	11	29
Dowlish & Donyatt	14	8	1	5	40	25	25
Hinton Reserves	13	7	2	4	33	28	23
Uplyme	13	5	2	6	45	34	17
South Pethn Res	14	5	2	7	27	31	17
Crewkerne Rangers	15	5	2	8	33	45	17
Pymore	11	4	2	5	25	37	14
Hawkchurch United	14	4	2	8	30	43	14
Chard Rangers	13	3	3	7	32	52	12
Forton Rangers Res	13	2	2	9	23	56	8

DIV THREE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewkerne Reserves	12	9	1	2	56	24	28
Misterton Res	9	8	1	0	39	16	25
Luso-Chard	13	8	0	5	55	26	24
Combe A	15	7	2	6	40	37	23
Chard United	12	6	2	4	35	22	20
Winsham Utd Res	11	4	1	6	32	39	13
Lyme Bantams	13	3	2	8	25	34	11
Farway Utd Res	12	3	2	7	17	52	11
Drimpton	11	2	3	6	15	50	9
Millwey Rise Res	10	1	2	7	13	29	5

DIV FOUR	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hinton Reserves	13	10	2	1	47	21	32
W & M Chinnck Res	11	8	1	2	65	20	25
Shepton Reserves	13	7	1	5	39	34	21*
Waytown Hounds	9	6	1	2	28	20	19
Chard United Res	12	6	1	5	33	33	19
Combe B	12	6	1	5	35	37	19
Ilminster Town A	12	5	0	7	40	31	14*
Thorncombe Res	13	4	2	7	21	40	13
Barrington Reserves	11	4	2	5	30	33	12*
Chard Rangers Res	14	2	2	10	22	50	8
Hawkchurch Res	14	1	3	10	19	60	6

(* = POINT DEDUCTED)

Top scorers

***PREMIER**: Julien Simier (Lyme Regis) 18, Scott Jennings (Merriott Rovers), 16, Jon Hayter (South Petherton) 13.*
***DIVISION ONE**: Sam Dibling (Millwey Rise) 24, Tim Hussey (Hawkchurch) 23, Tom Stead (Winsham) 16.*
***DIVISION TWO**: Sam Murley (Shepton Beau) 20, Dan Pyett (Beaminster Res) 15, Gavin Fowler (Uplyme), Dan Smith (Shepton Beau) 14.*
***DIVISION THREE**: Marco Quedas (Luso-Chard) 31, Aaron Hodges (Crewkerne Res) 19, Ricky Smith (Misterton Res, Adam Swinnerton (Crewkerne Res) 16.*
***DIVISION FOUR**: Ashley Cooper (W & M Chinnock Res) 24, Dan Rudge (W & M Chinnock Reserves) 23, Will Aplin (Shepton Beau Res) 19.*
(Excl Chard Hospital Cup).

Challenge Cup – Quarter-finals
Barrington 1 Perry Street 2
AFTER A goal less first 45, goals from brothers' Kieran and Jay Bailey in the last 10 minutes helped Perry Street battle back from 1-0 down to book their place in the last four.

Misterton 1 Combe Res 2
STEVE Every was amongst the goals as Combe secured a semi-final date with South Petherton after a hard-fought 2-1 win at Unity Lane.

South Petherton 3 Lyme Regis 2 aet
THIS game had been billed as arguably the clash of the season so far - and a sizeable crowd at Lightgate Lane weren't disappointed as South Petherton and Lyme Regis served up a thriller.

Crewkerne back on top in Division One

The early exchanges were tight, Pethy striker Rich Hebditch's pace caused the Lyme defenders one or two anxious moments. But it was the visitors who went closest to opening the scoring when Julien Simier found space in the box before crossing to the far post where Rob Thomson guided a side footed effort onto the post with 'keeper Jardine MacKenzie beaten all ends up.

Ten minutes before the break Ashley Caddy did well to deny Dean Ritchie but the opener was just around the corner. A complete mix-up on the edge of the Lyme box presented Ritchie with the simple task of slotting into an empty net.

With Lyme's 4-5-1 formation failing to create too many clear-cut chances, the hosts missed a golden chance to double their lead 10 minutes after the restart when Hebditch weaved his way to the byline before crossing to the far post where Smith, at full stretch, failed to keep his effort down with the goal gaping.

Hebditch latched onto a long through ball for a one-on-one chance nine minutes from time but Caddy stood tall and saved well.

With just six minutes remaining Lyme sub Harvey Brimicome jinked his way past four tackles before being impeded on the edge of the Petherton D. Up stepped Mark Bailey to curl home the resulting free-kick to force extra-time.

There was drama within seconds of the restart. when Joel Gosting flashed a shot into the net over Jardine MacKenzie's shoulder.

But Lyme couldn't hold on. Mike Gilyatt made it 2-2 five minutes later and the winner came from Dean Smith in the 102nd minute.

There's a home semi-final against Perry Street at stake when Merriott Rovers, still seeking their first win in 2011, travel to Beaminster tomorrow.

TOMMY TABBERER - Quarter-finals
Forton Reserves 1 Chard Rangers 2
A LAST minute John Mason penalty proved decisive as resurgent Chard Rangers knocked-out last season's runners-up.
Hinton 1 Shepton Beauchamp 3
CUP Favourites Shepton Beauchamp disposed of hosts Hinton courtesy of strikes from Sam Murley, his 20th of the season, Dan Smith and George Pugson.

BILL BAILEY CUP - Quarter-finals
Combe A 2 Farway Utd Reserves 1
CENTRE-Back Chris Haynes' sending-off proved the turning point as The Saints came from behind to win after extra-time with goals from Darren Brown and Mark Biss.

A Cup Final against either Winsham Reserves or Crewkerne Reserves at Beaminster awaits Combe or tomorrow's semi-final opponents Misterton Reserves. This one could go all the way to the dreaded spot-kicks.
Drimpton 1 Crewkerne Reserves 6
THE leaky Drimpton defence was breached half a dozen times as Aaron Hodges moved to 19 for the season with a hat-trick for the Tigers whose other marksmen were; Richard Crabb (2) and Nick Francis.
Luso-Chard 3 Misterton Reserves 6
Jerry Hill and Connor Fletcher both scored twice as Misterton Reserves beat Luso-chard for the third time this season. League top-scorer Marco Quedas took his tally to 31 with a penalty.
Winsham Res 5 Lyme Bantams 1
Winsham' hopes of a cup double are still alive after a comprehensive 5-1 victory over Lyme Bantams at Baker's Field.

All looked good for the Seasiders when Rob MacKenzie fired them into a seventh minute lead. But the hosts were level before on the half-hour through player-manager Richard White.

The second-half was one-way traffic and the hosts cruised through to a semi-final with Crewkerne Town Reserves with further strikes from Brian Tillotson, Rob Long, Danny Slade and Steve Long.

KENNY HODGES CUP - Quarter-finals
Hawkchurch Res 1 Combe B 6
JON Smith's goal was a rare highlight as the Hawk's were well beaten by the Saints for whom Jay Stewart struck twice.
Ilminster A 3 Hinton Reserves 1
Singles from Josh House, Adam Cox and Tom Wallis helped the Blues cruise through to the last four.
Waytown Hounds 4 W & M Chinnock Res 3
A Dan Rudge double couldn't save The Chinnocks as they crashed out 4-3 at the Hounds' kennel in Netherbury.

ARTHUR GAGE CUP
CREWKERNE Town, with eight straight wins under thir belts, will be slight favourites as they entertain Millwey Rise in the pick of tomorrow's quarter-finals.

Winsham United are also looking powerful - expect them to edge past Forton Rangers at Baker's Field

Last season's runners-up Perry Street Reserves could have their hands full when they entertain Netherbury.

The other tie looks like a close one. But Ilminster Colts' improving form may prove too much for struggling Thorncombe.

JACK VENN CUP

■ **TOUGH TASK: Barrington will attempt to end neighbours' South Petherton's 100 percent league record at Lightgate Lane tomorrow. Line-up, back row from left; Mike Harrison (player-manager), Bobby Rae, Paul Thresher, Gary Stranger, Dan Caines, Alex Thompson, Steve Burke. Front; Adam Gribble, Mike Cropper, Guy Dare, Dave Lock, Tom Perry.** ***Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE***

CREWKERNE Rangers' alarming slide (no goals in three games, six back-to-back defeats) makes them rank outsiders ahead of the visit of Beaminster Reserves.

A high scoring encounter looks likely as Dowlish & Donaytt entertain Hawkchurch whilst Shepton Beauchamp's fine run could be extended as visitors Uplyme have lost several key players.

South Petherton Reserves' poor form 'on the road' could give Forton Rangers half a chance in the day's other tie.

REG EGLON CUP
THORNCOMBE will be underdogs as they travel to Waytown Hounds in tomorrows semi-final. The other tie is too close to call with Barrington entertaining Chard United.

PREMIER DIVISION
IT'S 16 months since South Petherton were last beaten in a league game on their own Lightgate Lane turf. The victors that day, Barrington, are Pethy's tomorrows opponents. With only one win in 11 it would be a remarkable effort if the Yellow Hammers were to pull off a repeat - especially given Pethy's imperious form this season.

West & Middle Chinnock must beware a Lyme Regis backlash as they look to recover from their Challenge Cup exit last weekend.

Despite their next-to-bottom position Perry Street will be slight favourites for the trip to take on an Ilminster Reserves side that have lost their last five and shipped 25 goals in the process.

With the Division clearly split into two groups, Misterton can climb to the top of the lower group with a win against Farway at Unity Lane.

DIVISION ONE
Norton Ath 1 Crewkerne Town 2
NORTON Rangers have picked up a couple of players and it showed as they stretched title-chasing Crewkerne Town to limit in a game packed full of chances.

Adam Dawe put the Tigers ahead but they needed Kev Wheeler's late header to secure the three points and a return to the top spot.

DIVISION THREE
WINSHAM and Crewkerne should both return home with the points after trips south to take on Farway and Lyme Bantams respectively.

DIVISION FOUR
Chard Rangers Res 3 Chard Utd Res 1
THE JOCELYN Park-derby was decided by a second-half brace from top-scorer Luke Finn.
Thorncombe Res 6 Barrington Res 4
THORNCOMBE Reserves trailed three times before finally seeing off with six players on target against Barrington Reserves in a goal-fest at Horseshoe Lane.

THE WEEKEND'S FIXTURES LIST

CHALLENGE CUP – Round One
Beaminster v Merriott Rovers
ARTHUR GAGE CUP – Quarter-Finals
Crewkerne Town v Millwey Rise
Ilminster Town Colts v Thorncombe
Perry Street Reserves v Netherbury
Winsham United v Forton Rangers
JACK VENN - Quarter Finals
Crewkerne Rangers v Beaminster Reserves
Dowlish & Donyatt v Hawkchurch United
Forton Rangers Res v South Petherton Res
Shepton Beauchamp v Uplyme
BILL BAILEY – Semi-Final
Combe A v Misterton Reserves
REG EGLON – Semi-Finals
Barrington Res v Chard United Res
Waytown Hounds v Thorncombe Res
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP
Round One
Pymore v Millwey Rise Reserves
PREMIER
Ilminster Town Res v Perry Street
Lyme Regis v West & Middle Chinnock
Misterton v Farway United
South Petherton v Barrington
DIVISION THREE
Farway United Res v Winsham United Res
Lyme Regis Bantams v Crewkerne Town Res
DIVISION FOUR
Chard Rang R v Shepton Beau Reserves
Hinton Reserves v Combe B
W & M Chinnock Res v Ilminster Town A

RUGBY REVIEW

HATS OFF TO RESOURCEFUL ADAMS

By **Keith Jenkin**

LAST weekend saw CHARD take a considerable step forward in their quest for a promotion place. Having gone to the North of the county and beaten Minehead Barbarians, a side who had fought out a 13-13 draw with them at the Dening Field earlier in the season, they then found that challengers Wells had been beaten, and that the other side whom they would consider to be a threat, Avon, had scraped a win.

All this give Chard a 15 point lead over Avon, the side in third place, with both clubs having eight games remaining in the campaign.

TOR are the visitors to the Dening Field on Saturday next and, while the sides have not yet met this season, the Glastonbury side lies very much in the lower half of the Somerset Premier League Table at this time.

I happen to think that one of the reasons for Chard's success so far this season is the way that they have managed their squad of players; for it seems that one or two of their rivals are losing a little of their competitive edge, possibly through injury or staleness.

It may be that some rotation could take place in the Chard squad on Saturday next for, while I am sure that Tor will be worthy opponents, results would appear to indicate that they will not pose too much of a threat. They should not be taken lightly however.

All the above pales into insignificance however, when compared with the actions of third team captain, Clive Adams. First and second team calls had denuded his side to such an extent that he had only four bodies available to him on Thursday eve.

Most would have conceded their game at that point, but he trawled the highways and byways, gathering people as he went, and eventually travelled to leaders Bridgwater & Albion thirds with a full complement.

Of course they lost, but that is immaterial and he certainly wins that much sought after, but rarely awarded accolade,' *THE JENKIN POUND OF SAUSAGES*'!

CREWKERNE for their part, notched a win at Morganians, although they had to come from behind to do so, and the scoreline in no way resembled the 100-0 thrashing that they handed out to these opponents earlier in the season. They entertain near neighbours MARTOCK and will be disappointed if they do not win this one comprehensively for the visitors lie near the bottom of the division.

Credit to Martock though. Although they have been handed some heavy beatings this season, they have not conceded a fixture, unlike one or two others in their position. The teams have not yet met this term and I think that Crewkerne will win this one, although their opponents will push them hard.

As to the second sides, Chard seconds travel to take on their Tor counterparts. I see that the home side fought out a close game with Somerton recently, a side whom Chard beat with some comfort last time out.

It would appear therefore that Chard should have the winning of this one in their own hands.

Chard thirds, having been given a bit of a 'sage and onion' job by the very useful Bridgwater and Albion third side last time out, and then been awarded a walkover the week before that, now find that they have a free weekend.

I think that a comfortable chair, a beer and the England v France game on TV might just beckon. I shall be there!

FIXTURES 26th FEBRUARY
Chard v Tor, Tor 2nd v Chard 2nd, Crewkerne v Martock.

Motor Sport

Paynter and Hollingham top of class

The build-up to the first event of the year for Broadway based rally driver Bill Paynter and co-driver Andy Hollingham certainly had its ups and downs!

Their car a 1360cc Peugeot 106 XSi had recently undergone some improvements over the winter period and was all ready to go to scrutineering on the eve of the event in Honiton when the clutch failed. With all hands at the ready eventually four hours later it was sorted.

Up at 6am and about to head off for Smeatharpe, when the Peugeot had other ideas – it didn't want to start! So, after a very undignified push up the road they were on their way to Smeatharpe to the Kynaston Auto Services Stages Rally. This was a local event held at Upottery Airfield and had attracted an entry of 48 rally cars competing over 45 stage miles.

Against all the odds, Bill and Andy settled well into the rally and had several battles with the other crews in the under 1400cc class and the duo clinched their first Class A win and finished a fantastic 15th overall.

This was a good start to the season as the event was a qualifying round for both the ASWMC and the South West Clubmans Championship.

Bill would like to thank Gary Le Coadou and Kris Mason for all their help in preparing the car and Hilltop Tyres in Ilminster for their support.

■ **CORNERING:** Bill Paynter and Andy Hollingham at Smeatharpe. ***Photo by TELT Photography***

SPORTS BRIEFS...

Chard Swimming

LAUREN Harrison, Billie-Jo Dance and Holly Lawrence represented Chard and District Swimming Club on the opening weekend of the Somerset Age Group Championships 2011, held at Millfield Pool, Street *writes Steph Hallam*.

Lauren and Holly both competed in the 1500m Freestyle event. Lauren finished with a third position overall, and obtained a second position in the juniors, securing a new short course time of 20-42-30 which was an improvement on her 14 yrs and under club record. Holly also swam well in this event finishing in second place overall, with a short course time of 19-16-10.

Whilst Billie Jo ; 13 swam the 800m Freestyle in a short course time of 11-06-70, achieving 6th place overall in her respective age group.

As the Age Groups take place over the forthcoming month, continue to look out for news on the success and fast swimming of Chard Swimmers.

FOOTBALL - SOMERSET SENIOR

Robins can't break down 10-man Devizes

By **Howard Larcombe**

CHARD Town failed to halt Devizes Town's remarkable run of Toolstation League Division One victories which rose to 12 after Jake Waters netted the hosts winner on the quarter-hour.

The Robins battled away and had their chances especially after their opponents were reduced to 10 men in the 54th minute.

But they couldn't find a way through and drew a blank for the first time in 13 matches.

Tomorrow manager Glynn Shaw takes his squad off to face another of the division's form sides Melksham Town who have lost just once in 15 matches. This is followed by Tuesday's visit of Westbury United (7.45pm kick-off)

TOOLSTATION DIV 1 (bottom)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keynsham Town	23	6	6	11	30	38	24
CHARD TOWN	**27**	**6**	**6**	**15**	**40**	**55**	**24**
Westbury United	23	7	2	14	28	49	23
Shepton Mallet	28	7	2	19	34	68	23
Portishead Town	26	5	7	14	34	57	22
Roman Glass St George	25	5	5	15	27	59	20
Elmore	25	5	1	19	38	92	16

GOALS from Adam Cole, Joe Carbin and a stunner from Nathan Turnbull saw Chard Town Reserves move up level on points with second-placed Topsham Town Reserves in the Devon & Exeter League Division Three.

Turnbull's effort - a swerving 35-yard volley - was good enough to grace any game.

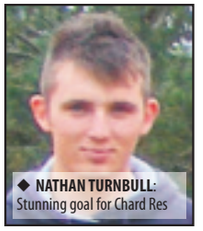
Tomorrow the Robins' second-string entertain league leaders Pinhoe in a classic top-of-the-table clash. Chard came out on top when the two sides met in the reverse fixture earlier in the month when goals from Carbin and Dan Harvey earned an impressive 2-1 win.

D & E LEAGUE DIV 3 (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pinhoe	15	12	2	1	62	17	38
Topsham Town Reserves	14	10	2	2	52	18	32
CHARD TOWN RESERVES	**14**	**10**	**2**	**2**	**38**	**16**	**32**
Sandford	12	9	1	2	40	20	28

ILMINSTER TOWN

THE Blue crashed out of the Somerset Senior Cup at Stockwood Green at the weekend. But Darren Manley's side more than matched their Premier Division opponents for large parts of the third round tie.

The hosts took the lead on the hour but Ilminster were level within a minute when Jamie Green rounded off a flowing team move with his third goal of the season.



◆ **NATHAN TURNBULL:** Stunning goal for Chard Res

The tie was decided by a Stockwood winner in the 98th minute and the Blues fell at the third round hurdle for the second season in succession.

Ilminster turn their minds to unquestionably more important issues tomorrow when they travel to Portishead-Town Reserves for a Somerset Division One clash.

With only six points separating the top seven teams the race for the two promotion places remain wide open.

Manley is wary of Portishead: "They've aleady done the double over Frome Collegians and our 3-1 win at the Rec was a close thing. Added to this their first team have no fixture so there are bound to be two or three players added from that squad).

"On the plus side Rob Webb, Ian Masters and Luke Woodard are back in the squad. But Jake Woodard is still two weeks away from recovery after a groin injury and Dan Vining has strained his hamstring."

Manley also has a doubt over the availability of Chris Nezanya through work commitments, whilst Sam Maxwell is away working in Belfast.

SOMERSET DIV 1 (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Berrow	18	12	3	3	44	30	39
Odd Down Reserves	22	12	3	7	42	32	39
Frome Collegians	20	11	4	5	47	31	37
Bishop Sutton Reserves	21	10	6	5	61	34	36
Nailsea Town	17	10	5	2	41	16	35
Weston St Johns	19	10	4	5	52	29	34
ILMINSTER TOWN	**17**	**10**	**3**	**4**	**28**	**19**	**33**
Cleeve West Town	20	7	7	6	25	24	28

COMBE St NICHOLAS

THE Saints' scheduled trip to lowly Wrington Redhill was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Combe, still lying well placed in fourth entertain sixth placed Wells City Reserves at Slades Cross tomorrow.

SOMERSET DIV 2 WEST (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Congresbury	15	13	2	0	41	8	41
Yatton Athletic	18	12	3	3	64	28	39
Ashton & Backwell Utd Res	19	12	1	6	48	28	37
COMBE St NICHOLAS	**18**	**10**	**4**	**4**	**29**	**27**	**34**
Westland United	18	9	4	5	29	29	31

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Ilminster & District skittles

RESULTS - Division One: Rocky's Rollers 373-12 (I.Findlay 54) Flying Turkeys 318-0 (S.Spurway 48), Royals 394-2 (J.Miles 68) Hatch Beagles 427-10 (R.Miller 60), Carnival Clingons 395-10 (A.Sims 60) Ashill Inn 377-2 (C.Male 67), Kings Head 325-11 (J.Booth, C.Barrett 47) Cricketers 300-1 (M.Knight 42).

LEAGUE DIVISION ONE	Pld	W	D	L	Pts
Ashill Inn	12	8	0	4	94
Hatch Beagles	12	7	0	5	82
Crown Faces	11	6	0	5	72
Carnival Clingons	11	7	0	4	66
Rockey's Rollers	12	5	0	7	66
Royals	12	5	0	7	63
Kings Head	12	5	0	7	62
Flying Turkeys	11	4	0	7	54
Cricketers	11	5	0	6	51

Division Two: Ashill Boys 335-1 (J.White 53) Donyatt BC 355-11 (P.Kneeshaw 53), Bell Broadway 343-4 (R.Carter 50) Bell A 354-8 (A.Lee 51).

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO	Pld	W	D	L	Pts
Nomads	10	9	0	1	99
Royal Oak	11	8	0	3	89
Donyatt BC	12	7	0	5	84
Bell Broadway	12	7	1	4	82
Bell A	12	6	0	6	75
Wyndham Arms	10	5	1	4	62
Ashill Boys	12	5	0	7	61
Bell Clangers	10	3	0	7	31
Hatch Eggs	11	0	0	11	18

Chard Indoor Bowls

	Pld	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
East Coker A	14	10	1	3	28	21
Westway	13	8	1	4	30	17
Greyhounds	13	8	0	5	28	16
Magpies	15	6	1	8	1	13
Hurricanes	15	6	1	8	-17	13
Somerset Six	15	5	2	9	-18	12
Canaries	14	4	0	10	-52	8

Recent results (w/c Feb 14th): Canaries 17 Hurricanes 9, East Coker A 14 Magpies 10, Somerset Six 12 Westway 11, Hurricanes 19 Magpies 7, East Coker A 8 Westway 18, Somerset Six 16 Greyhounds 14.

Crewkerne badminton

CREWKERNE I and II played their penultimate mens match in Division Two of the South East Somerset Men's Double League with mixed fortunes.

Due to illness Crewkerne I (Martin Hooper and Chris Berridge) had withdrawn from the previous two matches leaving them unfortunately rooted to the bottom of the Division, and this was reflected as the pair lost 21-14, 21-18 against fellow strugglers Wessex Wanders and were then beaten by both KA Wizards 21-10, 21-12 and Crewkerne II 21-12, 21-8.

Crewkerne II saw the usually unflappable Chris Ireland actually breaking sweat together with partner Francis Chudley, they lost their first rubber against table-toppers KA Wizards 21-16, 21-13, then had a very hard fought match against Wessex Wanders losing the first game 21-19, then winning the second game 21-19 before losing out 25-23in the final rubber.

Crewkerne II were now well and truly 'back in the groove' for their last rubber beating Crewkerne I 21-12, 21-8, which left Crewkerne I still at the bottom of the division on 5 points and Crewkerne II in second place on 23 points.

Crewkerne v Preston 18th February:
CREWKERNE made it nine out of nine, but only just, away at Preston,

Third pair Michelle Brown and Steve Pocock found it very hard going losing heavily in their first two rubbers but they managed to turn things around and won the second game 21-17, which resulted in a thrilling last game with Crewkerne narrowly missing out by losing 21-19.

The second pairing of Francis Chudley and Abi Taylor had a mixed evening starting off well winning their first rubber 21-10, 21-13, then losing the second rubber 21-15, 21-14, and finally winning the last rubber 21-15, 21-15.

The pressure was most certainly on top pairing of Chris Ireland and Helen Taylor, they had to secure all three rubbers to give Crewkerne the victory.

Their first game saw a very tight 22-20 victory followed by a slightly easier 21-14, the next two rubbers were similarly hard fought with Crewkerne coming out top 21-15, 21-15, and 21-18, 21-14.

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Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Argyle demise gives Glovers hope

THE demise of local rivals Plymouth Argyle will be a sobering thought to both Yeovil Town's management and fans alike as to what the consequences can be for a football club in these tough economic times.

Being the most westerly club in the Football League must be a challenge; whether it be the cost of travelling to away matches, attracting away supporters to make the trip which helps swell the crowd, or just enticing players to the area.

It is sad to see that the famous Pilgrims and their 'Green Army' supporters look like they will now face relegation, or if not, a very hard job to maintain League One status, but of course it helps Yeovil Town in their own quest to avoid relegation.

However the club cannot get too complacent as teams around them are starting to put little runs together that are inching them either further ahead or catching them up.

The Glovers had their own mini-run that got them moving clear of the relegation zone, but three consecutive losses has plunged them back down on the brink, only enhanced by Argyles ten point administration deduction.

In all the matches they had enough chances to have won the games early on, and it is a worrying fact that they create and waste so many opportunities, whilst the opposition despite many fewer shots on goal score a much higher percentage.

We know strikers are at a premium, but surely you can't miss as many as Yeovil have; it's not all bad luck; and manager Terry Skiverton will be aware that at present this is his Achilles heel.

◆ ADAM Stansfield was one of my favourite players, and I believe that if he hadn't broken his leg in the opening match of the 2002-03 season from which he never really recovered his form of old, he would have been a sensational player and gone further than League One level with the Glovers and Exeter.

IT was great news therefore that Flybe, main sponsors of The Grecians, have honoured him by naming one of their aircraft after him complete with a picture in his Exeter City kit. A great tribute to a great footballer who I think would have achieved more.

Such was his popularity that the Adam Stansfield Football Foundation has been set up to support and encourage participation in youth football across the South-West region, and there are no shortage of people and organisations looking to give support.

Bristol Rovers Football Club director Ken Master is walking between the three grounds of Bristol Rovers, Yeovil Town and Exeter City to raise cash for the charity.

Ken (66) who wife is currently recovering from a major bowel operation will walk from the Memorial Stadium and visit Huish Park on April 2nd when Rovers are the visitors, before continuing to St James Park and then returning to the Mem in time for The Grecian's visit on April 9th.

Meanwhile Hereford United supporter Adam Wright and three pals are planning to visit all 92 Premier and Football League grounds as well as his first club Elmore in the space of 80 hours.

They hope to visit Huish Park in mid-afternoon on the first day of their challenge on March 9th before returning to Edgar Street, home of The Bulls, one of Adam's former teams on March 12th.

Any signed shirts, balls, pennants and other memorabilia will be auctioned at a later date in aid of the foundation.

Stansfield trubutes continue

Challenge cup-tie action

■ **EQUALISER:** LYME Regis' Mark Bailey curls an 85th minute free-kick around the South Petherton wall to force extra-time in Saturday's Challenge Cup tie at Lightgate Lane. Right: Leigh Bailey and Dean Ritchie combine to keep out a Lyme attack. (*see report on page 29*)

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■ **DONYATT BOWLS**: Donyatt bowlers travel to North Pet3erton for a 6-rink mixed friendly tomorrow (2pm start). On Sunday there is a 4-rink mixed friendly at Mid-Devon (2pm start).

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■ **SPONSORSHIP REQUIRED**:

SOUTH Petherton FC player-manager Gordon Child (right) is seeking £1800 sponsorship as he undertakes his third London Marathon in April.

Childs will be running in aid of the children's cancer charity Clic Sargent. "The charity is close to my heart, two members of my close family have been affected by the disease" said Childs who is keen to hear from individuals or businesses and can be contacted on 07875 344118 or gordybox@hotmail.com

Ilminster bowls

ILMINSTER took on Clarrie Dunbar in the quater final of the double rink on saturday and produced a victory by one shot.

Ilminster players Brian Mc Coombes, Neil Rowe, Ben Hamilton and Peter Mattravers took on Andy Collbrooke at home.

In a very tight game and some good bowls the game finshed 12-12 after 21 ends.

The away rink of Will Anderson, Matt Hamilton, Louis Ridout and Mark Denslow took on England internernational and Commonwealth games player Graham Shadwell.

Clarrie ran off into the lead with some outstanding bowls from Shadwell and the team giving them a 19-8 lead after 10 ends, but Ilminster battled back into the match getting back to 19-18 behind with three ends remaining.

Ilminster continued to put the pressure on and went into the last end all-square at 21-21.

On the last end great bowls from both Clarrie and Ilminster left Mark Denslow to bowl a superb bowl to win the match for Ilminster and reach the semi-finals.

Seaton & Dist Snooker

Results: Chard Casuals 5+2 Colyton Feds 1, Colyton Excons 4 Honiton WMC 2, Sidmouth WMC B 4 Sidmouth WMC A 2, Honiton Wonderers 5+4 Chard Cons & Pros 1.

	P	W	D	L	Bonus	Pts
Honiton Wonderers	15	15	0	0	4	80
Colyton Feds	15	6	2	7	24	67
Colyton Excons	15	6	4	5	14	63
Chard Casuals	15	7	3	5	16	63
Chard Pros & Cons	15	8	2	5	12	60
Sidmouth WMC B	15	3	4	8	18	52
Honiton WMC	15	5	3	7	12	51
Sidmouth WMC A	15	0	2	13	14	38

30+ Breaks: Neil Whitfield 36 & 74, Steve Rampaul 35 (both Colyton Excons).

ON THE SPOT...

WEEKENDER SPORT puts Winsham United's **JOE SIMMONS** ***UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT***

Q How long have you been involved in local football? And in what capacities?

A AFTER youth football I've played for Chard Town Colts, Perry Street, Winsham United and Forton Rangers in the Perry Street League and Chard Town in the Western League

Q Name the three best players you've played alongside and why.

A I've played alongside so many quality players, all for different reasons. Here are a few players that have helped me along. **Barry and Dave Male**, they both taught me some of the finer points of Perry Street League football, on and off the pitch! Chard Town's number 1 **Stu Parris**, a top 'keeper who puts everything into getting a result on a Saturday - not a bad center-forward either. **Rich White**, strike partner throughout my 48 goal season for Winsham in 2006-07, who ever said route one was boring?

Q What's the best away ground you've played at?

A IT has to be Truro City, this game will always stick in my head. It wasn't the best result for Chard, we lost 8-0. Truro were different class with some top players and a great set-up. After the game the Truro lads all tucked into their after-match pasta, we were busy filling the lucazade bottles with cider for the coach home. In hindsight that's where I might be going wrong, cider instead of pasta after a game!

Q How would you improve things at the club?

A Well I wouldn't say no to Sky Sports and £1 pint on a Saturday, but other than that I'd keep things just as they are. People wouldn't have anything to moan about at committee meetings if clubs were perfect.

Q Name some young local players we should look out for in the future.

A **Bradley Loaring**, looks a lot like his Dad Phil, lets just hope Phil doesn't teach him how to tackle. Oh and **Kit Simmons**, remember the name...

NEXT WEEK: Crewkerne Town striker Barry Hayne

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